Dark Horse Comics

OUTLANDERS

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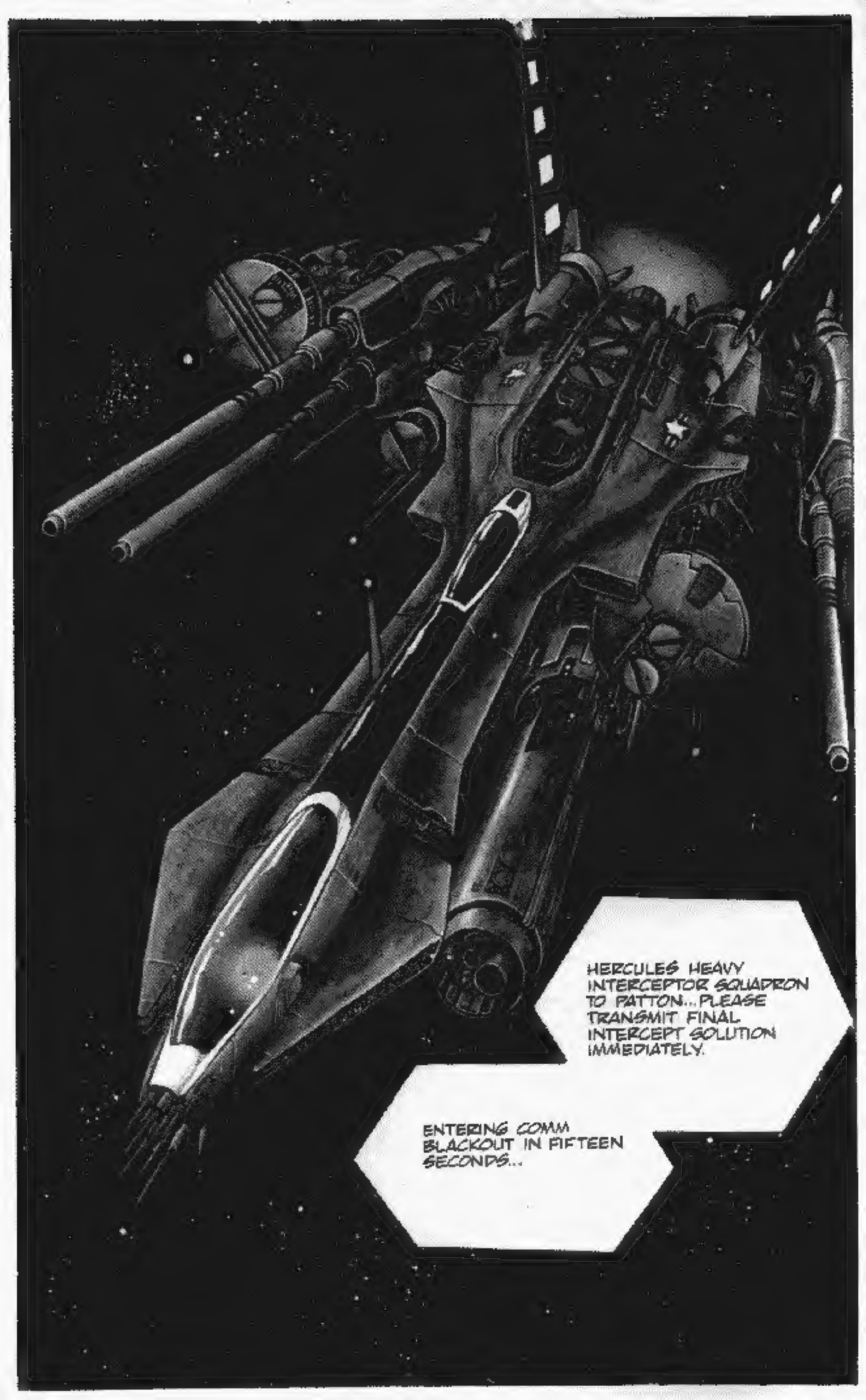
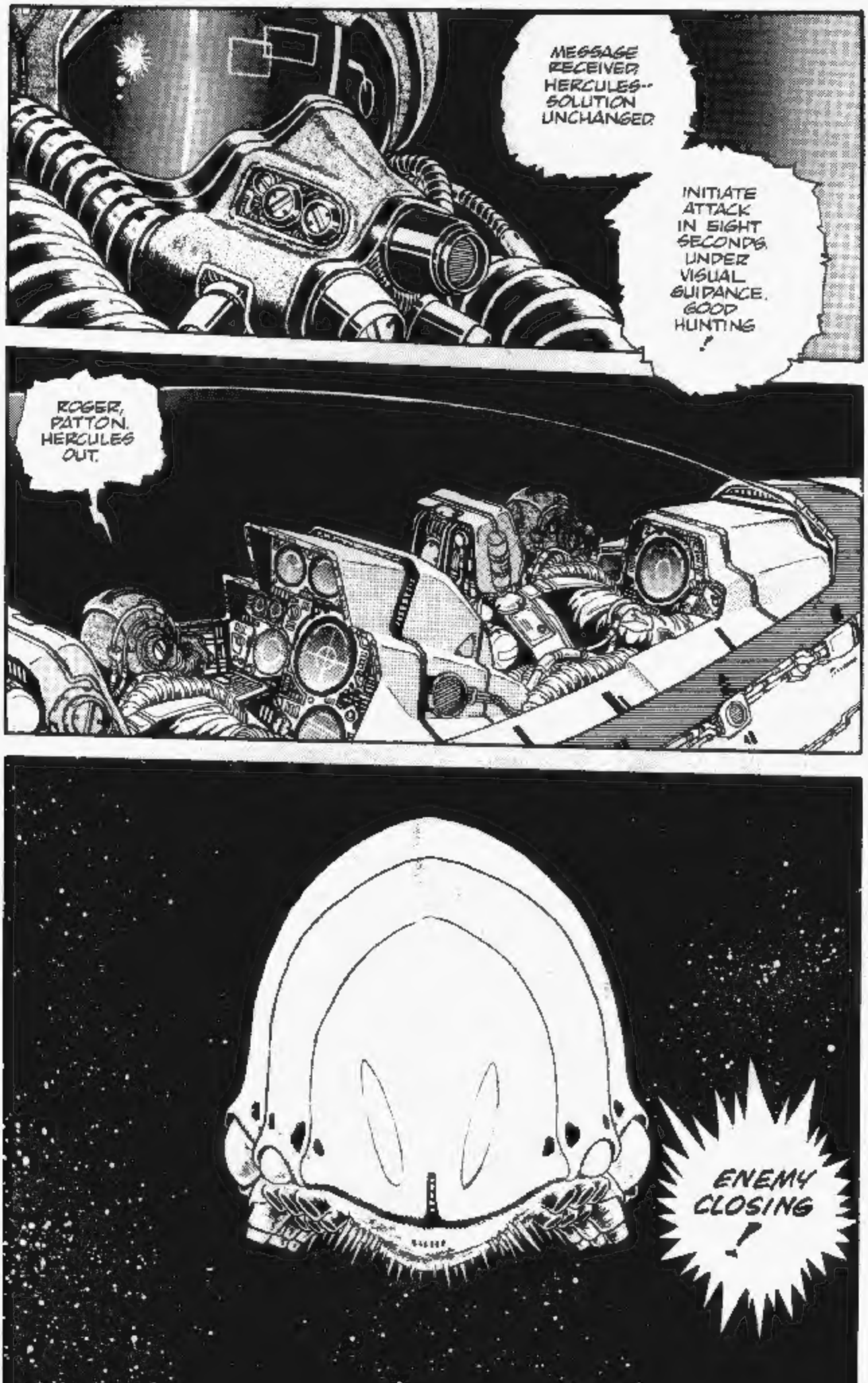
FLAGSHIP GEORGE PATTON TO HERCULES... ESTIMATED INTERCEPT COORDINATES X-SEVENTY, NINETY. CONTACT REPORT REQUESTED.
ESTIMATED LENGTH, 4,000 FEET...MASS UNKNOWN. APPEARS TO BE AN EXTREMELY HIGH-DENSITY ORGANIC CONSTRUCTION. COURSE UNCHANGED... CONTINUING TO DECELERATE.
RELATIVE INTERSECT SPEED, 37,000 FEET PER SECOND...ENTERING EFFECTIVE FIRING RANGE IN TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS.

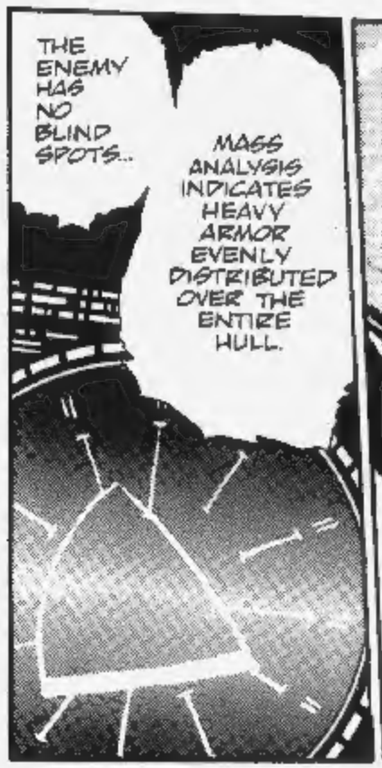

HERCULES HEAVY INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON TO PATTON... PLEASE TRANSMIT FINAL INTERCEPT SOLUTION IMMEDIATELY.
ENTERING COMM BLACKOUT IN FIFTEEN SECONDS...

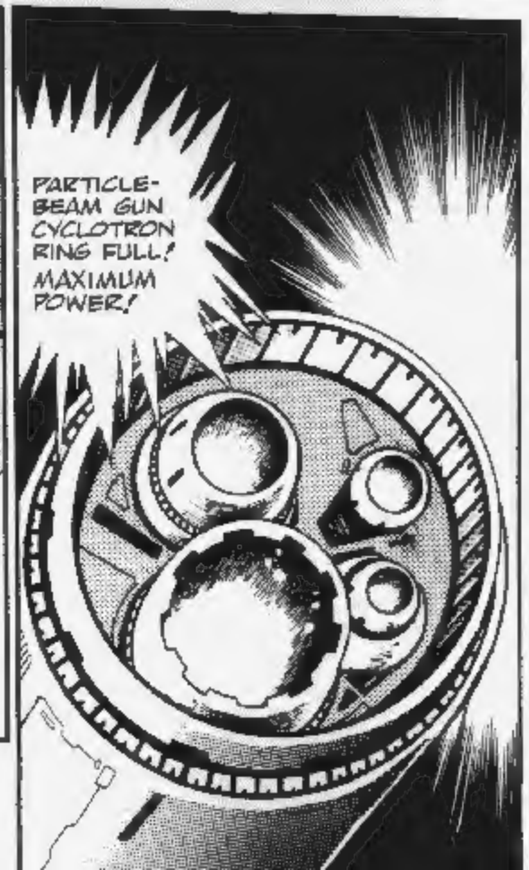

MESSAGE RECEIVED. HERCULES-- SOLUTION UNCHANGED.
INITIATE ATTACK IN EIGHT SECONDS. UNDER VISUAL GUIDANCE. GOOD HUNTING!
ROGER, PATTON. HERCULES OUT.
ENEMY CLOSING!

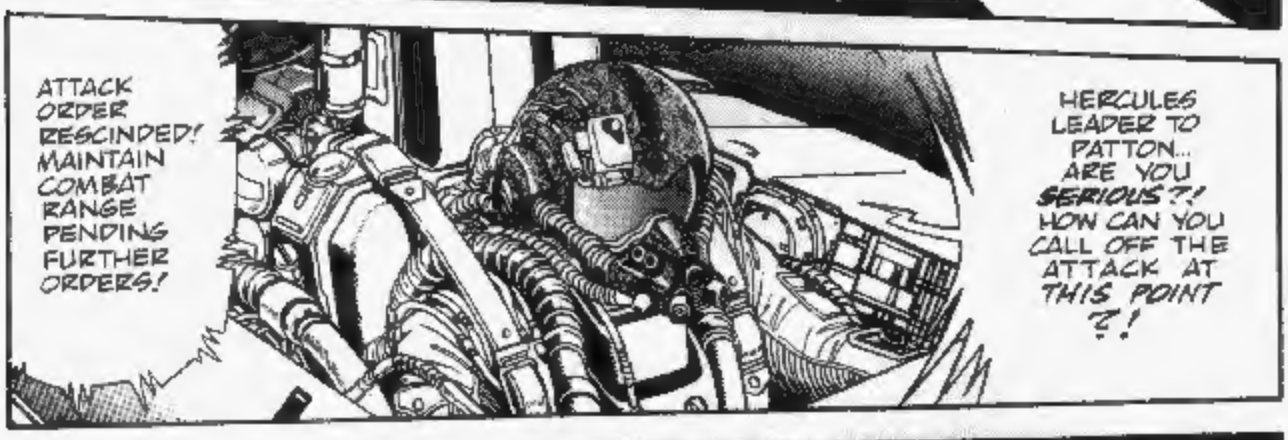
ALL HERCULES UNITS, THIS IS YOUR COMMANDER SPEAKING!

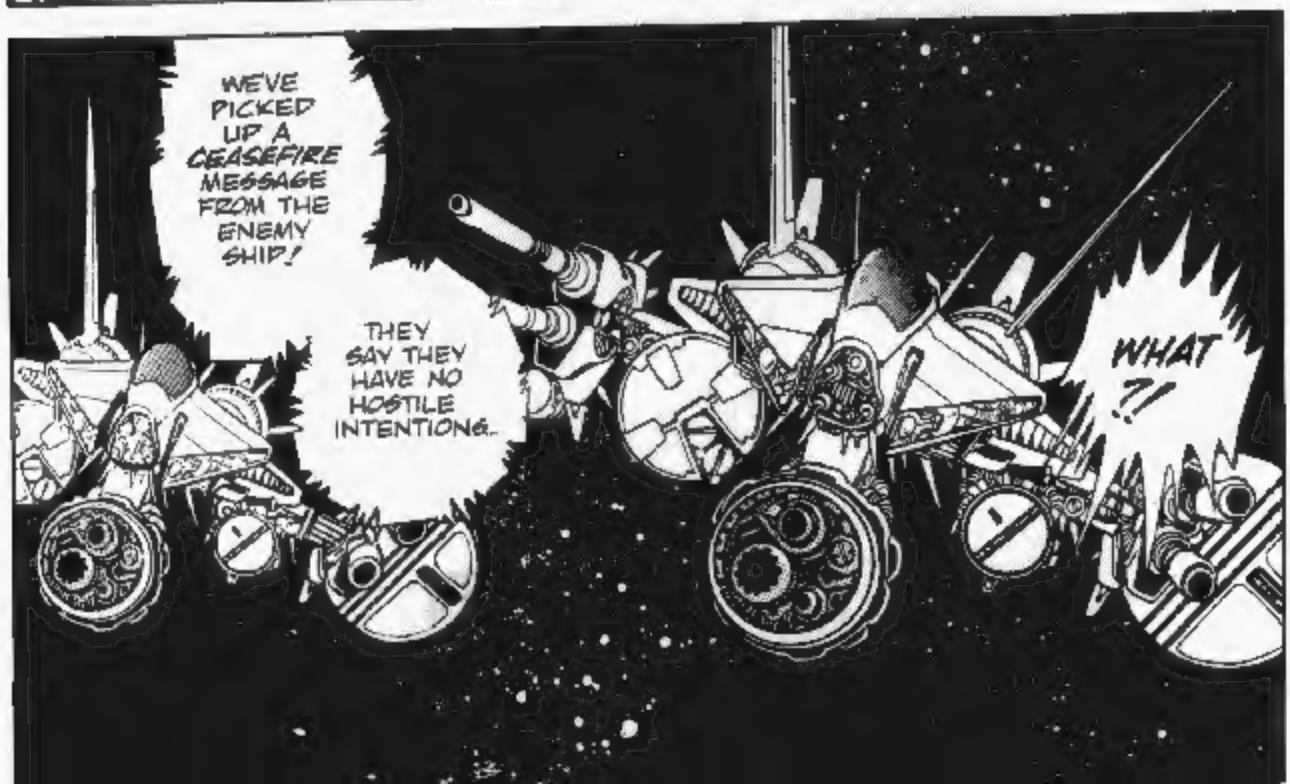
DEPLOY INTO ATTACK FORMATION!

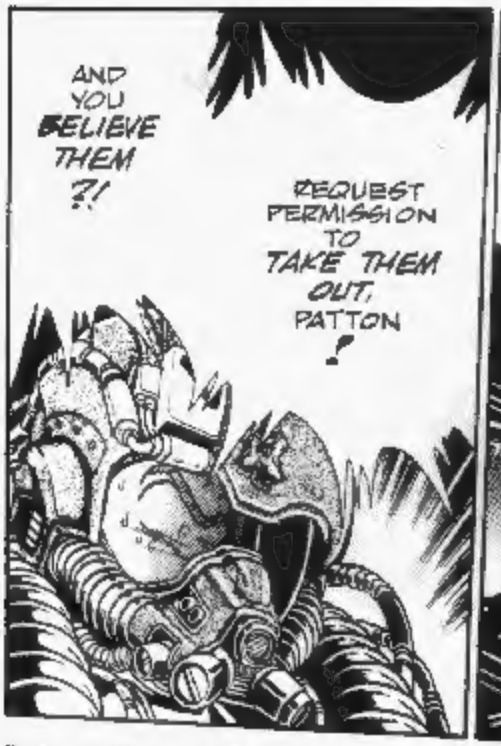
SAFETY INTERLOCKS OFF! BEAM WEAPONS BACKUP CAPACITORS GREEN!





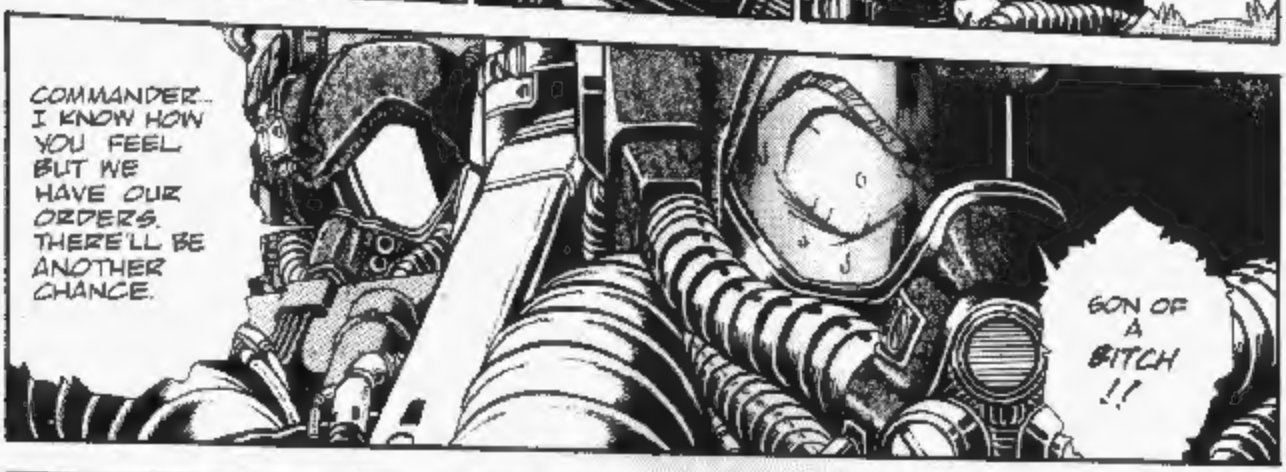

ATTACK ORDER RESCINDED! MAINTAIN COMBAT RANGE PENDING FURTHER ORDERS!
HERCULES LEADER TO PATTON... ARE YOU SERIOUS?! HOW CAN YOU CALL OFF THE ATTACK AT THIS POINT?!

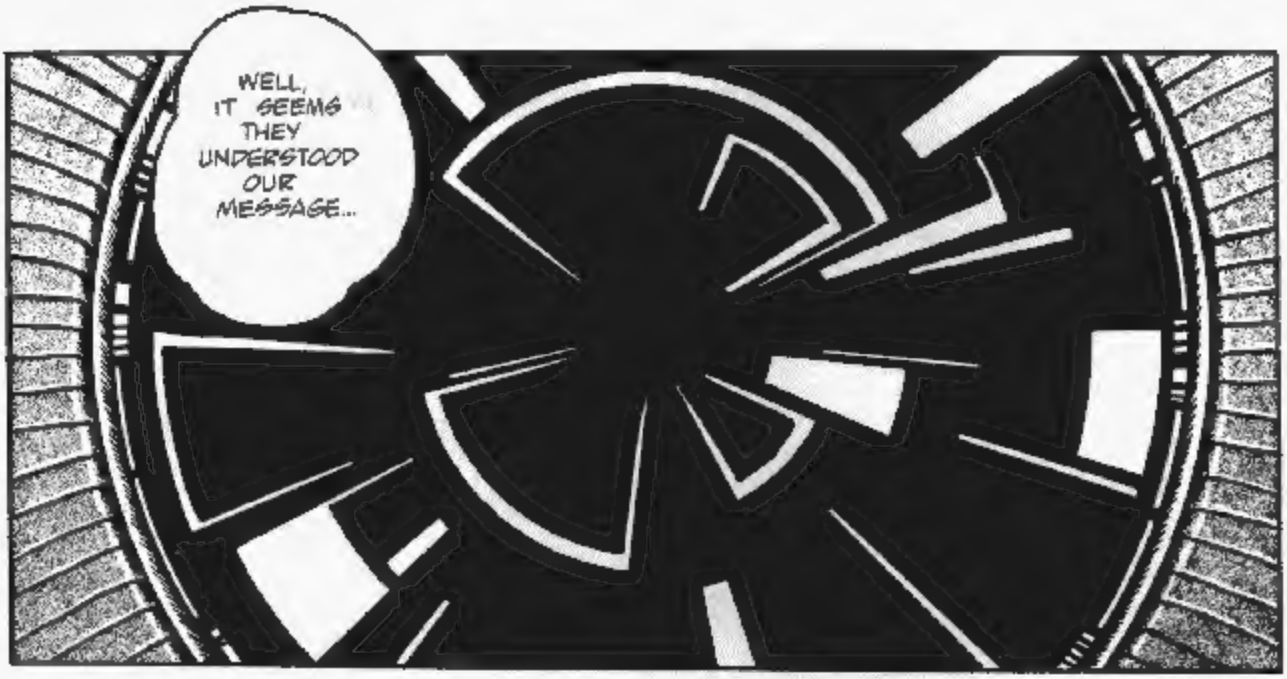

WE'VE PICKED UP A CEASEFIRE MESSAGE FROM THE ENEMY SHIP!
THEY SAY THEY HAVE NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS...
WHAT?!


AND YOU BELIEVE THEM ?!
REQUEST PERMISSION TO TAKE THEM OUT, PATTON !

REQUEST DENIED, HERCULES! SORRY, GUYS...
BETTER FOLLOW ORDERS ON THIS ONE.

YOU BASTARDS! WE NEVER SHOULD'VE AGREED TO WORK WITH YOU GODDAMN COMMIES!
THIS COMES FROM THE VERY TOP, HERCULES-- NOW DO AS YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED !


COMMANDER... I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. BUT WE HAVE OUR ORDERS. THERE'LL BE ANOTHER CHANCE.
SON OF A BITCH !!


WELL, IT SEEMS THEY UNDERSTOOD OUR MESSAGE...

YEAH, BUT TELL ME, BATTIA--WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT TETSUYA HAVE IN MIND?
"JOIN FORCES" WITH THE EARTHLINGS? WHAT THE HELL FOR?!

THAT AIN'T EVEN A GOOD JOKE! WE DON'T NEED THEIR HELP FOR NOTHIN'!
THEY'RE JUST GONNA GET IN OUR WAY!

WELL, TETSUYA'S AN EARTHLING TOO, REMEMBER.
WE MAY BE A REBEL ARMY, BUT AS FAR AS THOSE GUYS DOWN THERE ARE CONCERNED, THE ONLY GOOD SANTOVASKU IS A DEAD ONE!

TETSUYA KNOWS THAT-- HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE ATTACKED FROM BEHIND BY HIS OWN PEOPLE.

BY JOINING FORCES WITH THEM, HE MAKES OUR POSITION IN THIS WHOLE THING CRYSTAL CLEAR, RIGHT?

YEAH, SURE, BUT...

...DO THOSE DAMNED MONKEYS HAVE ANYTHING TO *FIGHT WITH*?

THAT'S TRUE... THEIR WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE A LAUGH.

BUT DID YOU HEAR...?

PROGRESSO'S FLEET--TEN BATTLESHIPS AND OVER A HUNDRED SUPPORT VESSELS-- WAS WIPED OUT DOWN THERE... AND IN *SECONDS*.

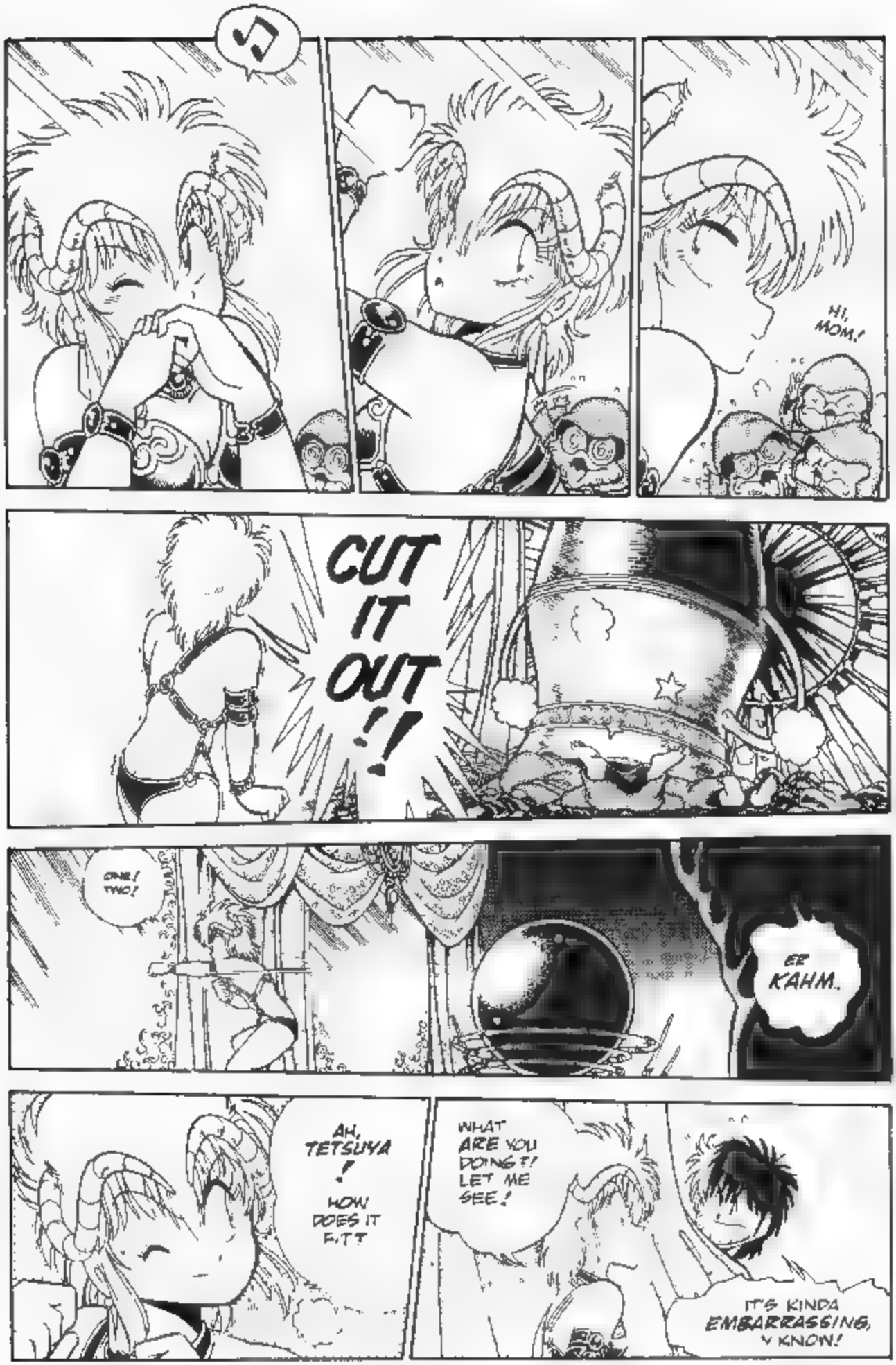
HUH! FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT. NOTHIN' ABOUT THAT IN THE INTEL BRIEFINGS.

IT WAS *INCREDIBLE*, GEOBALD!...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WEAPON THEY USED...

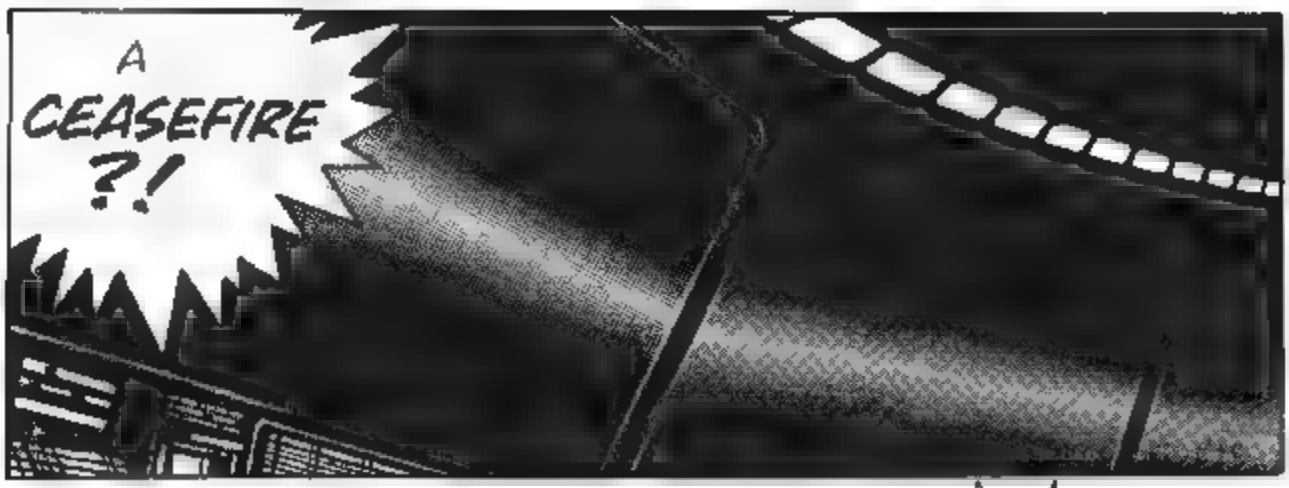
...BUT IT JUST *MIGHT* BE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE EMPIRE'S *ENTIRE* WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY!

OH, YUCK! I'M GETTING FAT, AREN'T I?
OH, NO, PRINCESS-- ABSOLUTELY NOT. SUPERB PROPORTIONS, AS ALWAYS, YES, INDEED!
YOU THINK SO...?
YOU'RE RIGHT! A GENUINE KNOCKOUT!


HI, MOM!
CUT IT OUT!!
ONE! TWO!
ER KAHM.
AH, TETSUYA! HOW DOES IT FIT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET ME SEE!
IT'S KINDA EMBARRASSING, Y KNOW!

♫ WOW!
I DUNNO. IT'S KINDA CLUNKY
NO IT ISN'T! IT LOOKS GREAT!
LOOKS A LITTLE WIMPY DOESN'T HE?
YES, YES! NO AUTHORITY, NO--
BUT HE'S GOING TO BE THE CROWN PRINCE-- CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
YEEK!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
AUTHORITY HMM?

STAND UP STRAIGHT!
CHEST OUT!
CHIN UP!!
HMMM
I SEE.
ULTRA MYOPIC
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN..
BUT HE'S ALL I HAVE TO WORK WITH
SO SORRY I WAS BORN!!
I'M SORRY I KNOW I'M NO GOOD I'LL JUST CRAWL INTO A CORNER SOMEWHERE
OH DON'T BE SO SILLY! IT WAS JUST A JOKE! HONEST!


A CEASEFIRE ?!

YES SIR THE ENEMY COMMUNICATION CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE HOSTILITIES
THEY'RE DEMANDING WE OPEN PEACE TALKS SOMEWHERE ON EARTH WITH N TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, THE--
THIS IS INSANE !

--THE LOCATION TO BE SELECTED BY EARTH NEGOTIATORS
THEY SAY THEY WANT A REPLY INSIDE OF TWELVE HOURS..
....

WHAT ON EARTH CAN THIS MEAN ?
DEMANDING A PEACE CONFERENCE ?
OUT OF THE BLUE ?

DON'T FALL FOR IT!
THIS STINKS OF A PLOT !

NOT NECESSARILY.. PERHAPS WE SHOULD READ TH S AS A TACTICAL REORIENTATION N RESPONSE TO OUR CONTINUING RESISTANCE

THANKS TO LADY J'LEHR'S POWERS, WE'VE INFLICTED SEVERE DAMAGE ON THEIR FLEET

THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND MAY WELL BE IN DISARRAY.

IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF THEY *WERE* SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING NEGOTIATIONS

GENERAL TOGO AS JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF, WHAT DO *YOU* THINK ?

IN THAT CASE WHY DID THEY ATTACK MY COUNTRY ?! WHY DID THEY DESTROY THE U.S ?!

AS A DEMONSTRATION OF MILITARY SUPERIORITY A BARGAINING CHIP TO BRING TO THE NEGOTIATION TABLE ?

THEY *HAVE* REINFORCED THE E FLEET .

WELL.

GENERAL TOGO! YOU, TOO, HAVE LOST YOUR COUNTRY TO THESE MONSTERS !

YOU DON'T INTEND TO GIVE IN AND NEGOTIATE, DO YOU ?!

GENERAL MACDONALD, WE UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT *CONTROL YOURSELF* !

WELL, TOGO ?

PERSONALLY I'D LIKE A CHANCE TO MEET THESE

THESE *"ALIENS."*

I HAVE LIVED LONG SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR MOTHERLAND RA I HAVE SLEPT LONG, BORROWED MANY A HUMAN BODY

BUT IT SEEMS THIS CARCASS WILL BE MY LAST

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING MY LORD ?!

THOSE ARE FOOLISH WORDS TO HEAR FROM THE IMMORTAL LORD NEO!

"IMMORTAL" ? NO. I HAVE LIVED SO LONG ONLY BECAUSE VENGEANCE GRIPPED ME, BODY AND SOUL.

"I SHALL NOT DIE" I THOUGHT, "UNTIL VENGEANCE IS MINE!"

BUT I AM WEARY NOW SILENE SO WEARY

IT SEEMS THAT BY REAWAKENING YOUR SPIRIT I HAVE BROUGHT MY OWN MISSION TO AN END

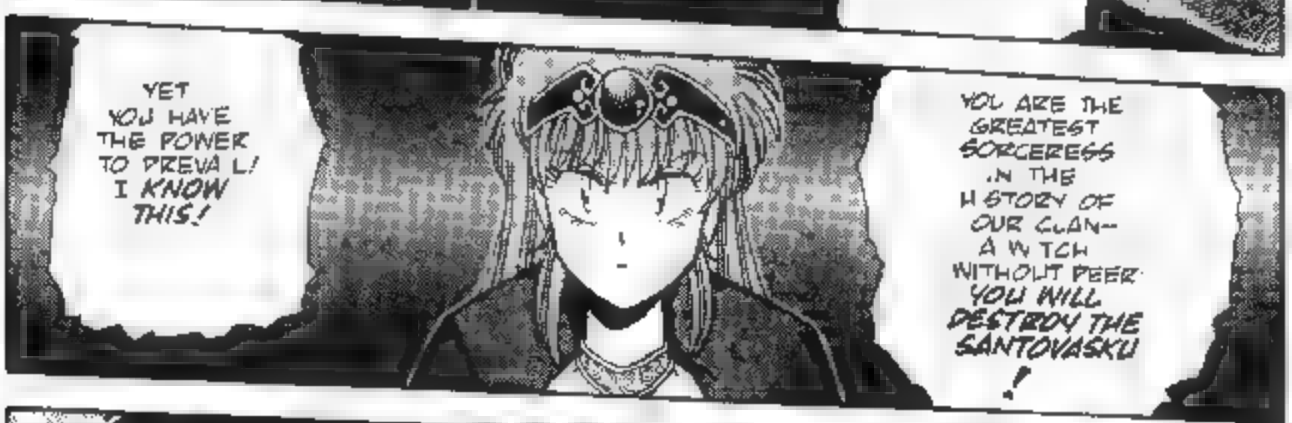
I NO LONGER HAVE THE STRENGTH TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER BODY NOW I AM NOTHING MORE THAN AN OLD MAN FELLED BY ILLNESS.

YET I DEARLY WISH TO SEE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SANTOVASKU WHILE I STILL LIVE

TO DESTROY THE SANTOVASKU EMPIRE--

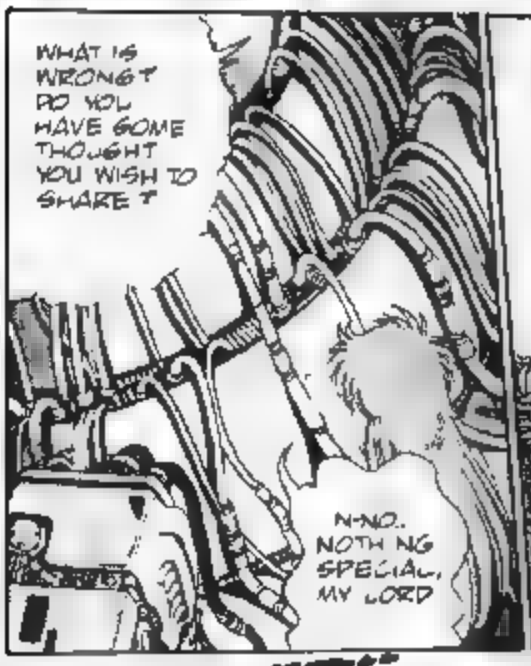
--YOU MUST DESTROY THE EMPEROR!

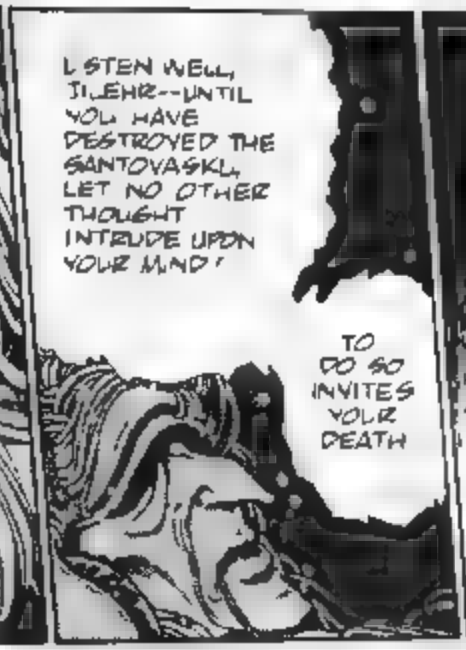
"THE SANTOVASKU IMPERIAL LINE IS HEREDITARY
WHAT HAS MADE THE AUTHORITY OF THE THRONE UNSHAKEABLE FOR GENERATIONS IS THE POWER OF THE EMPEROR HIMSELF!
"HE AND THOSE OF HIS BLOODLINE CARRY WITCHERY ENOUGH TO MASTER THE WILL OF A HUNDRED ARMIES."


YET YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PREVAIL! I KNOW THIS!
YOU ARE THE GREATEST SORCERESS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CLAN-- A WITCH WITHOUT PEER. YOU WILL DESTROY THE SANTOVASKU!

"NEO HAS TRICKED YOU, TILEHR!!
"HES BRAINWASHED YOU INTO THINKING YOU'RE A SORCERESS!"

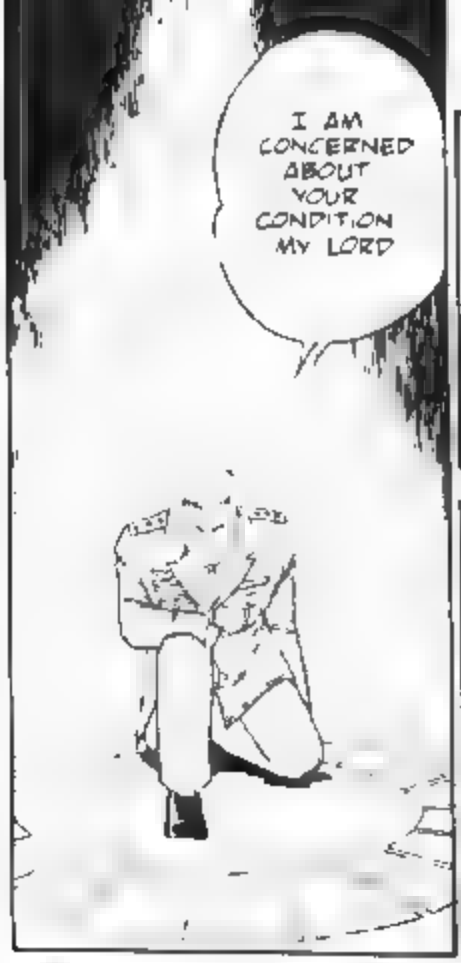
JILEHR!!


WHAT IS WRONG? DO YOU HAVE SOME THOUGHT YOU WISH TO SHARE?
N-NO. NOTHING SPECIAL, MY LORD


LISTEN WELL, JILEHR--UNTIL YOU HAVE DESTROYED THE SANTOVASKI, LET NO OTHER THOUGHT INTRUDE UPON YOUR MIND!
TO DO SO INVITES YOUR DEATH

YES MY LORD
FORGIVE ME, LORD NEO!

VSSST...
LORD NEO!


I AM CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CONDITION MY LORD

TOGO IS IT ?
WHAT NEWS DO YOU BRING ?

AN UNUSUAL SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED LORD NEO

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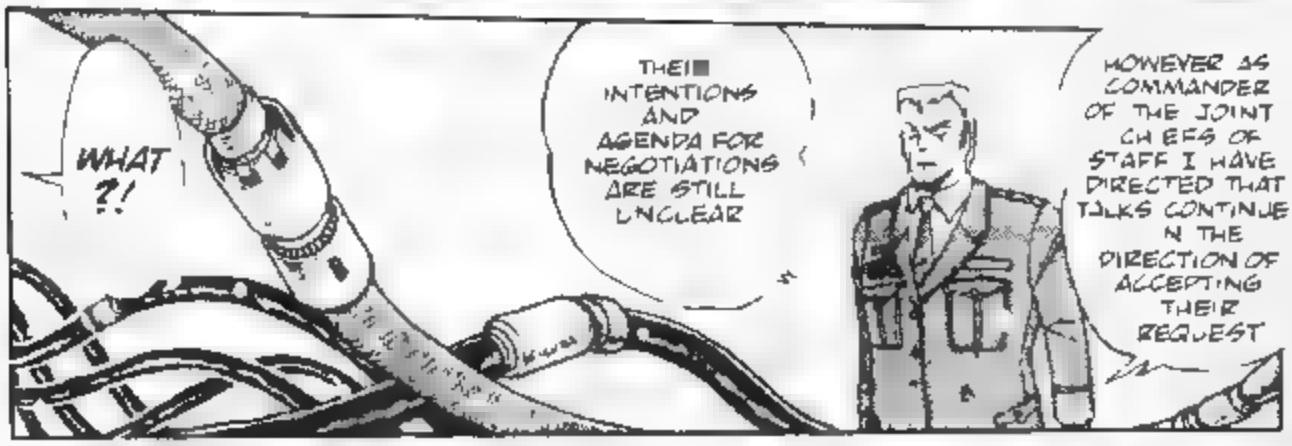
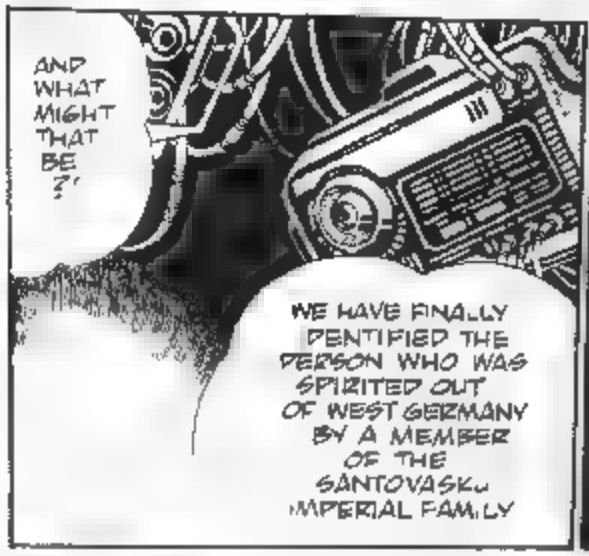
THE SANTOVASKU HAVE CALLED FOR A CEASEFIRE

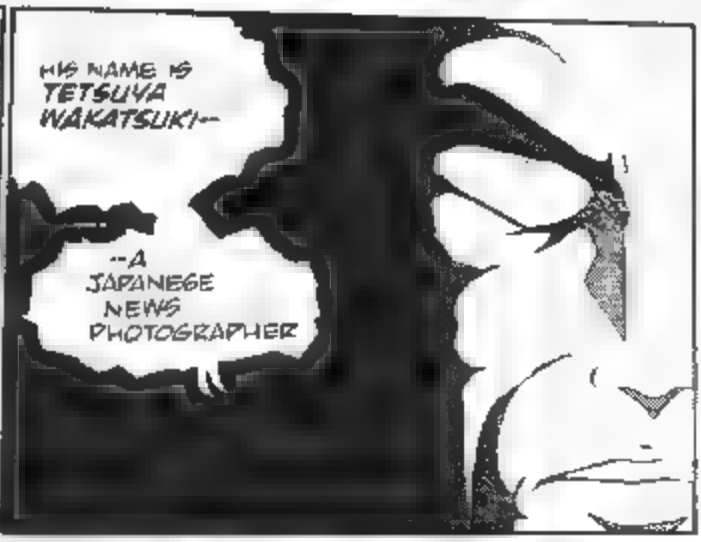

WHAT ?!
THEIR INTENTIONS AND AGENDA FOR NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UNCLEAR
HOWEVER AS COMMANDER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF I HAVE DIRECTED THAT TALKS CONTINUE IN THE DIRECTION OF ACCEPTING THEIR REQUEST

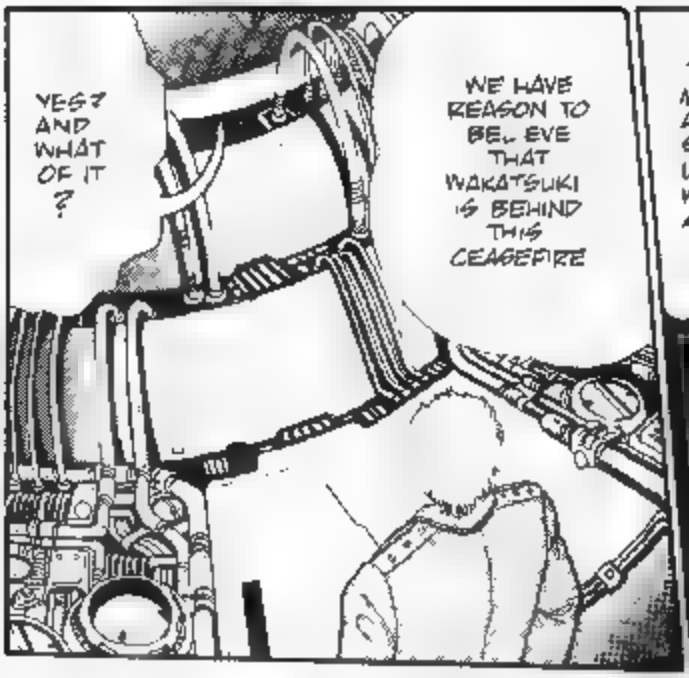
NO! I FORBID IT! THEY ARE ONLY SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT JILEHR! IS IT NOT OBVIOUS YOU FOOL?!
THEY FEAR THE POWER OF JILEHR!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO, AT FIRST
BUT NOW.

IT WOULD APPEAR THEY HAVE ANOTHER REASON.


AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?!
WE HAVE FINALLY IDENTIFIED THE PERSON WHO WAS SPIRITED OUT OF WEST GERMANY BY A MEMBER OF THE SANTOVASKU IMPERIAL FAMILY


HIS NAME IS TETSUYA WAKATSUKI--
--A JAPANESE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER


YES? AND WHAT OF IT ?
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WAKATSUKI IS BEHIND THIS CEASEFIRE

IT SEEMS HE MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH SOME SORT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THESE ALIENS.

RIDICULOUS!
WHAT COULD ONE OF YOU HUMANS DO? AND A MERE CHILD AT THAT!

BUT WHEN YOU ADD A SANTOVASKU PRINCESS TO THE EQUATION
AFTER ALL THE REPORTS SAID THAT HE WAS "VERY CLOSE" TO THIS PRINCESS.

IDIOCY!
WHY DO YOU WASTE MY TIME WITH THIS FOOLISHNESS! LEAVE ME!
LORD NEO!

WHAT IS IT JILLHE ?
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO MEET THESE CREATURES !

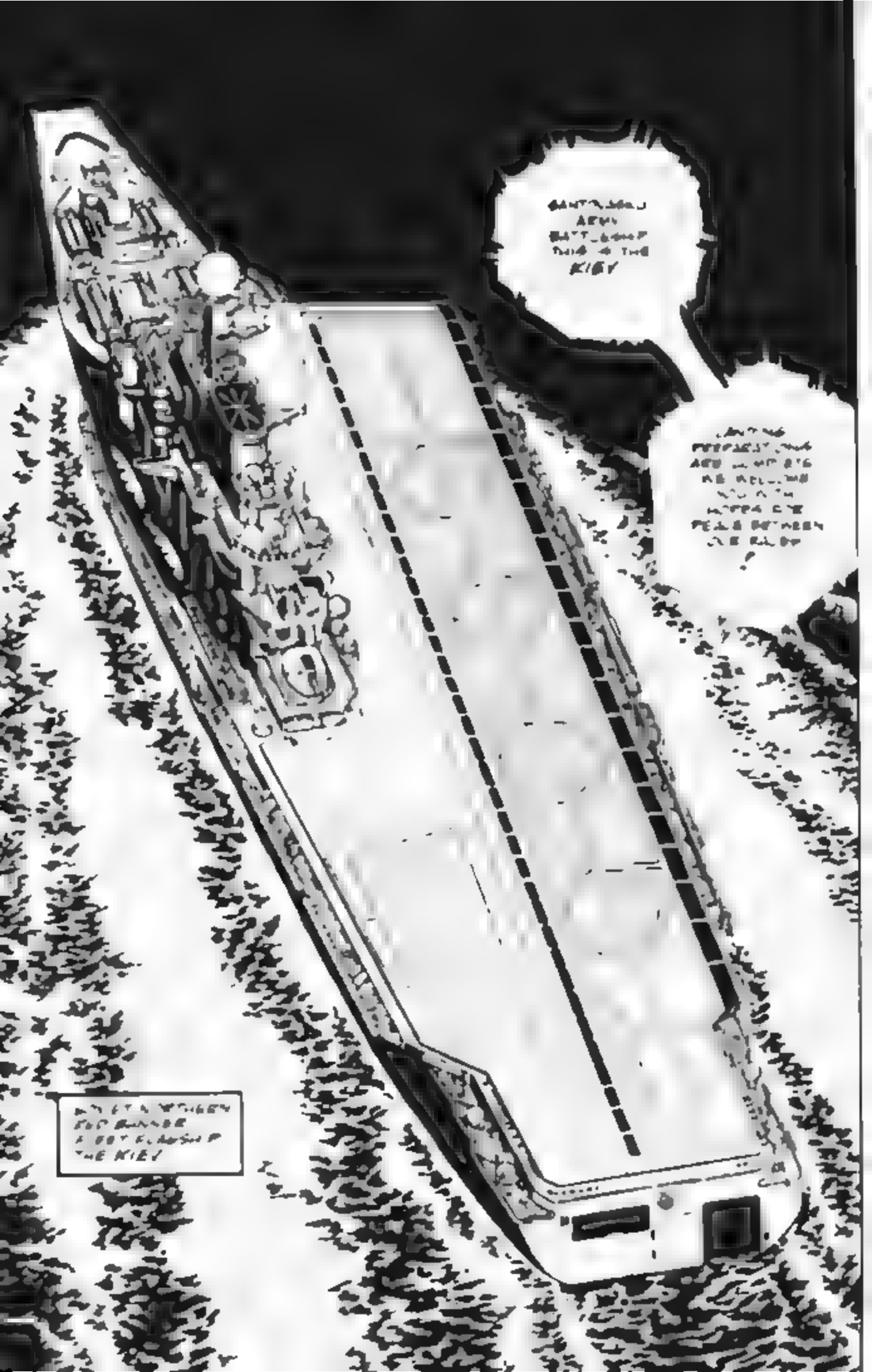
YOU?!
OUR SECRET WEAPON IN THIS WAR! WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I LET YOU GO?

MY LORD I HAVE NO INTENTION OF APPEARING BEFORE THEM.
BUT

I WISH TO SEE WITH MY OWN EYES THOSE WITH WHOM I MUST DO BATTLE!
EVEN MORE SO IF SHE IS A SANTOVASKU PRINCESS!

J'LEHR WHAT HAS COME OVER YOU?

MY LORD I BEG OF YOU!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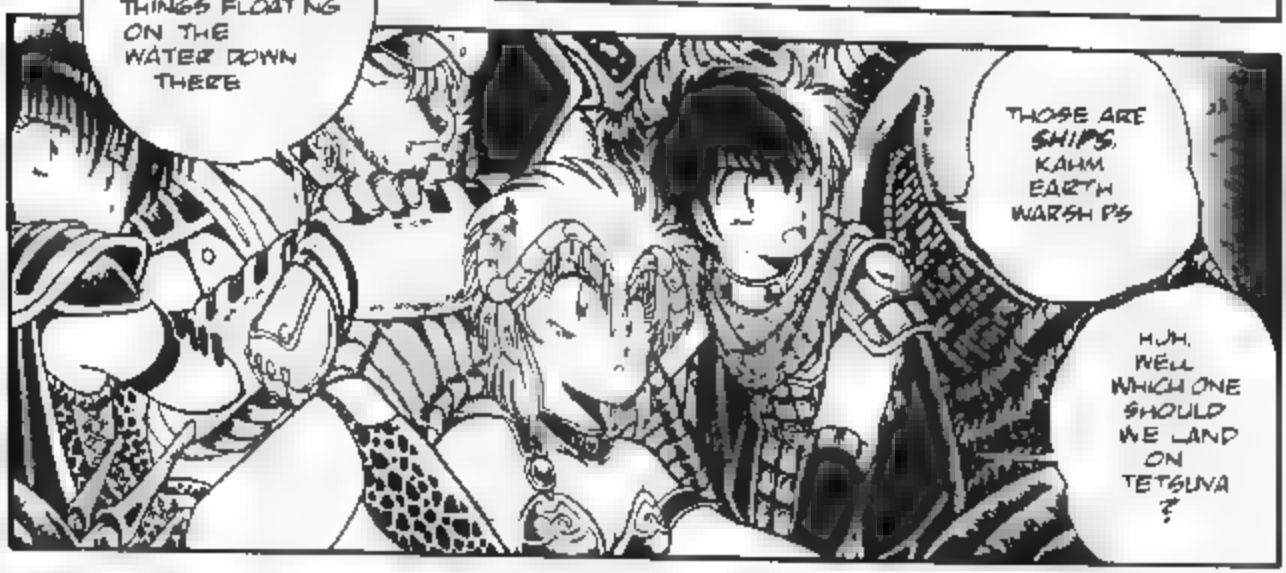
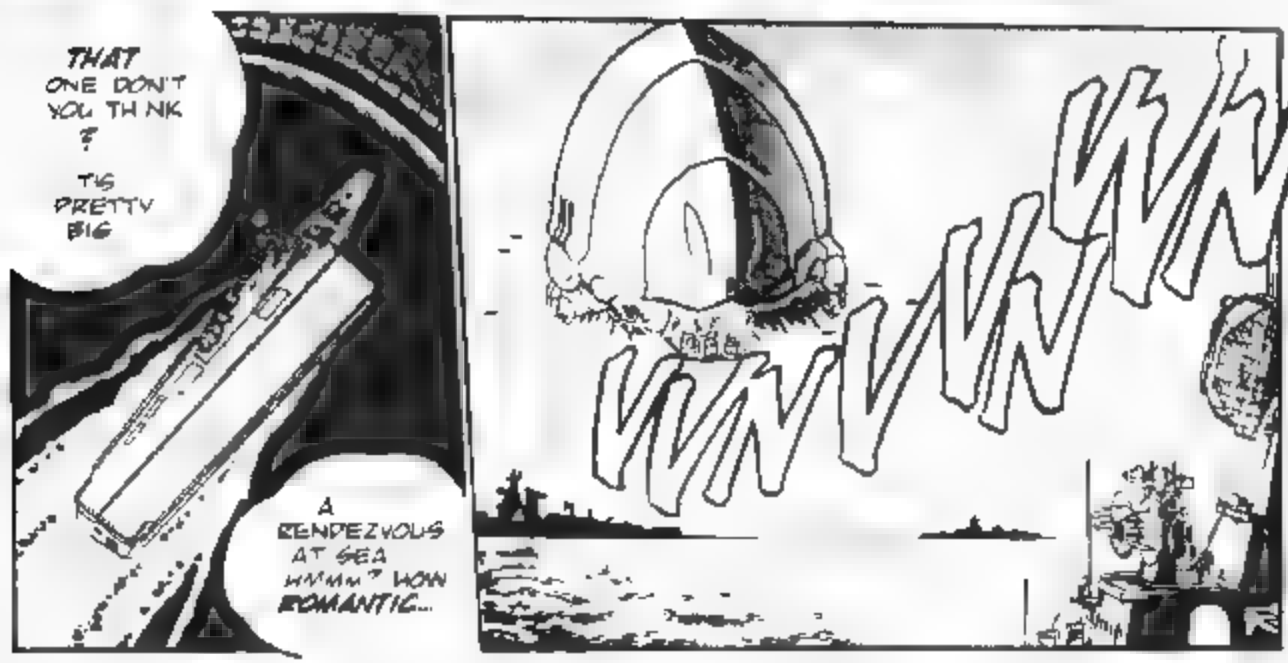
SEA-LEVEL TEMPERATURE IS EIGHTEEN DEGREES CELSIUS
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE, TWELVE HUNDRED WIND FORCE THREE FROM NORTH-NORTHWEST
APPROACH FROM BEARING FOUR-ZERO AND WE WILL GUIDE YOU IN.


GEE THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF TSY-BITSY THINGS FLOATING ON THE WATER DOWN THERE
THOSE ARE SHIPS, KAHM EARTH WARSHIPS
HUH. WELL WHICH ONE SHOULD WE LAND ON TETSUVA ?


THAT ONE DON'T YOU THINK ?
TIS PRETTY BIG
A RENDEZVOUS AT SEA HMMM? HOW ROMANTIC...

GOOD GOD! IT'S HUGE !!
OVER A MILE LONG!
ALL SHIPS! UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE ANY HOSTILE ACTION-- WE'D BE DESTROYED!
EVEN NOW I CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE IT WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN FIGHTING THESE CREATURES ?!
AND NOW THEY'RE ASKING FOR PEACE TALKS ?
HOW ARE WE GOING TO COMMUNICATE ? WE STILL HAVEN'T DECIPHERED THEIR LANGUAGE ..
SCUTTLEBUTT HAS IT THAT THE ALIENS HAVE A HUMAN WITH THEM HE MUST BE THE TRANSLATOR
WHEN WILL ALL OUR STAFF BE IN PLACE ?
WITHIN HALF AN HOUR, SIR

SOMETHING'S DESCENDING.
WHA
SOME KIND OF SHUTTLECRAFT ?
WHKROOM
EE YAA!

SKRAK
FIRE ON THE HANGAR DECK! FIRE-CONTROL SQUADS ON THE DOUBLE!
WE'RE LISTING TO PORT! FLOOD THE STARBOARD BALLAST TANKS!
ADMIRAL!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
HHNN

THEY'RE COMING OUT!
PARADE FORMATION! STEP ON IT!
OH, JEEZ...
Ahhh..
WHAT THE HELL? THOSE ARE THE ALIENS?
LOOK AT THOSE TWO BABES!!
NO SHIT, MAN!
YEAH BUT LOOK AT THAT BEAR MAN..
AND ALL THOSE WEIRD LITTLE BUGGERS.

ATTEN-
SHUN
!!

WEL-WELCOME TO THE KIEV!

I AM REAR-ADMIRAL RENKO, SENIOR NAVAL AFFAIRS ATTACHE FIRST CLASS OF THE UN ON OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

ER WE'RE REALLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR SHIP, THERE!

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HER DRIVING SHE'S A TERROR BEHIND THE WHEEL.. HA HA..

Himph!

N-NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT T!

PLEASE, WOULD YOU FOLLOW ME?

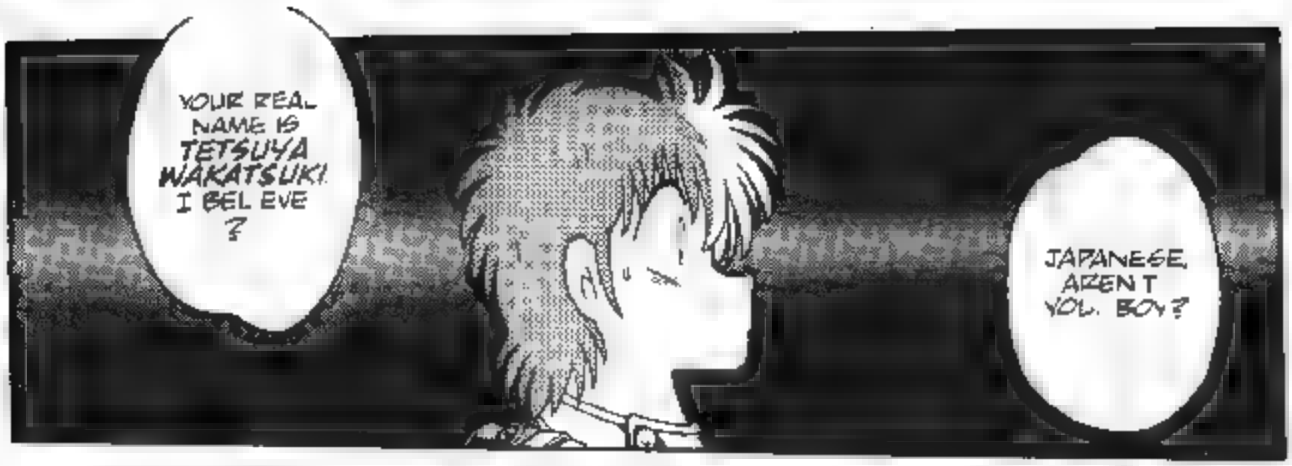
WHOW..

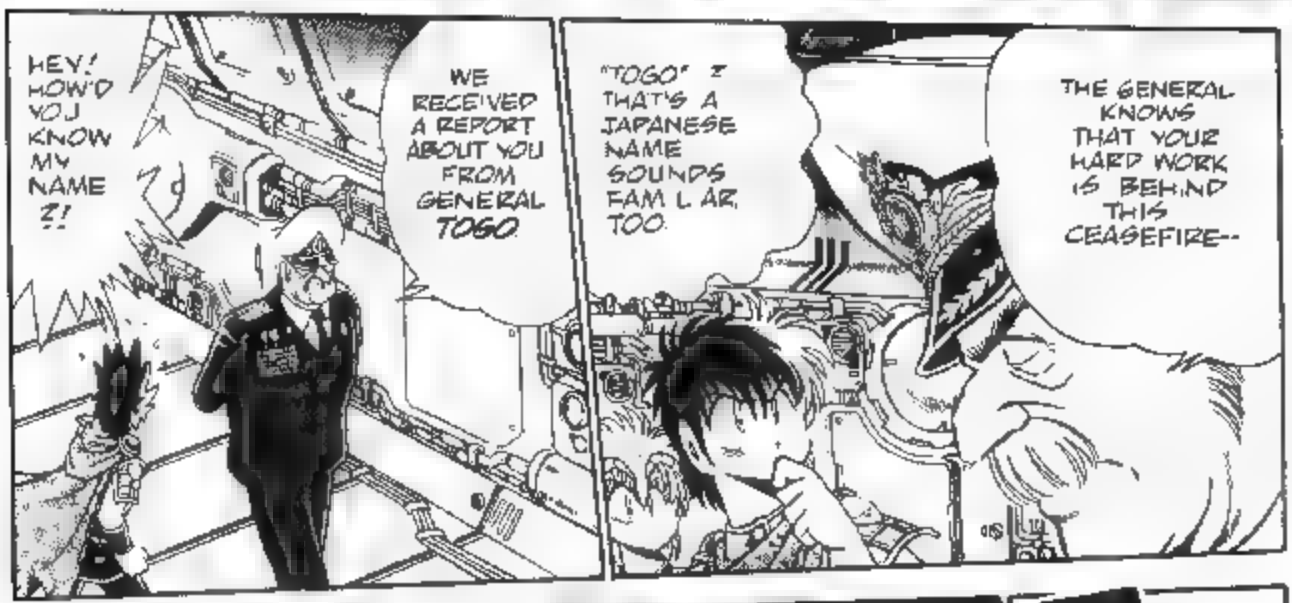
!

EEP!

HEH HEH!

H!--HEE-- HA H-HE..LO!


YOUR REAL NAME IS TETSUYA WAKATSUKI. I BELIEVE?
JAPANESE, AREN'T YOU, BOY?


HEY! HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME?!
WE RECEIVED A REPORT ABOUT YOU FROM GENERAL TOGO.
"TOGO"? THAT'S A JAPANESE NAME. SOUNDS FAMILIAR, TOO.
THE GENERAL KNOWS THAT YOUR HARD WORK IS BEHIND THIS CEASEFIRE--

--AND THAT YOU HOLD THE KEY TO ENDING THIS WAR

WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON YOU, LAD
?
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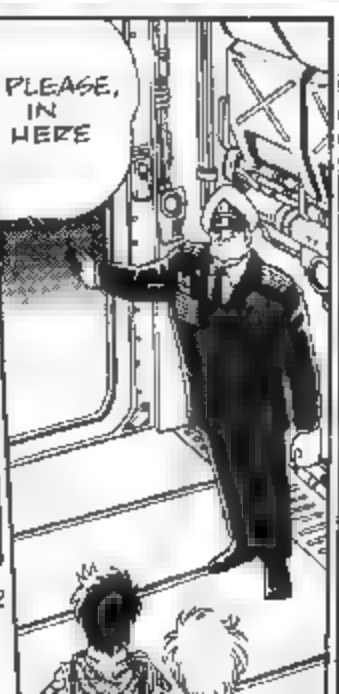

PLEASE, IN HERE

TETSUYA!!

I MISSED YOU SO MUCH !!

WHA-- ?!

RA --

RAISA ?!

RAISA! IS IT REALLY YOU ?!

YOU REMEMBER ME! I'M SO HAPPY! ♡

BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW? WHY? WHA--

OH SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED! I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT LATER!

GEE, YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL IDIOT IN THOSE CLOTHES!

!
BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT --
--MISS ALIEN!
HEY HEY HEY! LAY OFF YOU TWO!
RAISA CUT IT OUT WITH THAT "MISS ALIEN" STUFF!
KAHM. DON'T TRY TO START ANYTHING, OKAY?!
WELL, WELL. JUST WHAT IS GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND THIS GIRL, TETSUYA?
HaHaHa
WHAT'S GOING ON? WELL ER HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN THIS?
WE'RE ENGAGED! SORT OF AN INTERSPACIAL MARRIAGE IF YOU GET MY DRIFT
HEH HEH

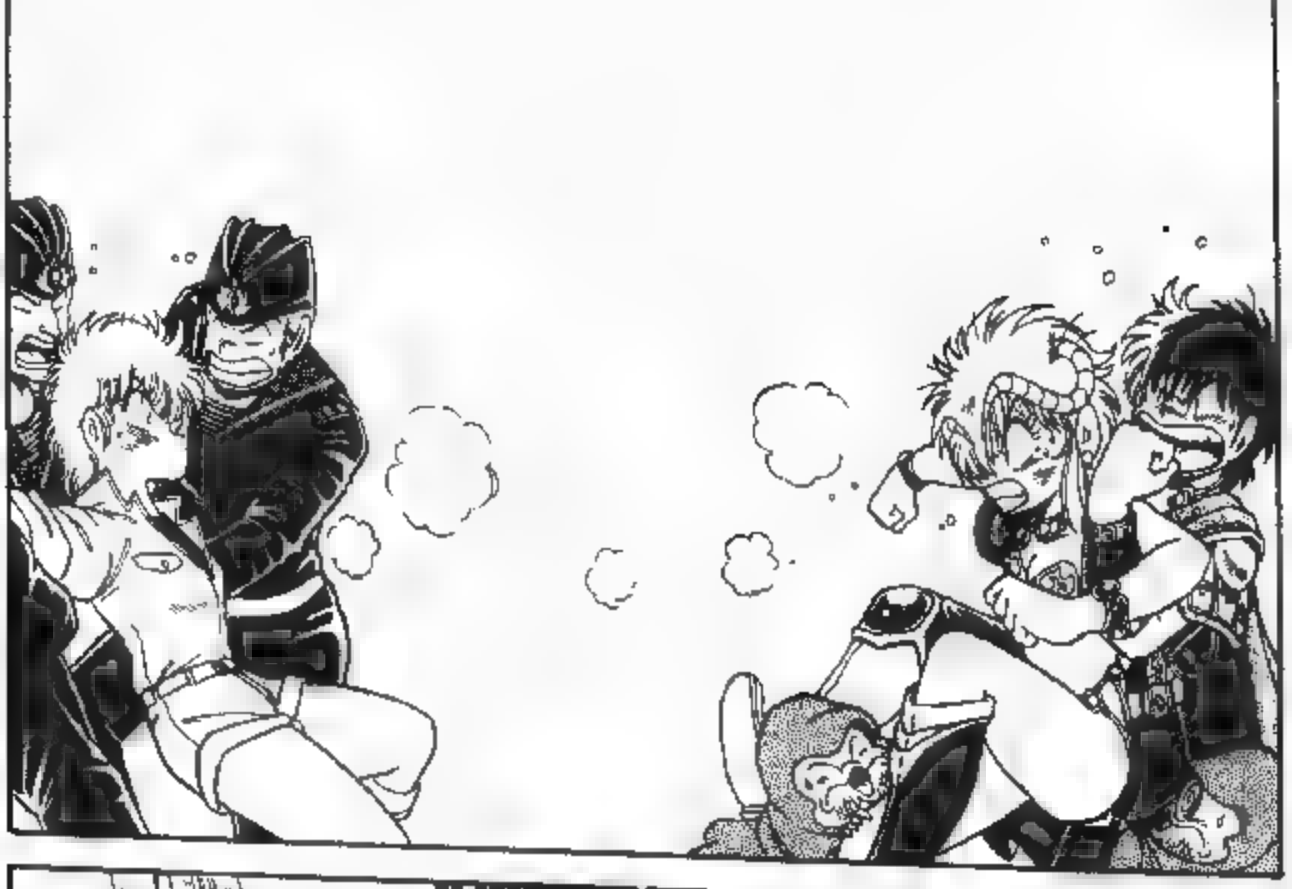
PRETTY WEIRD, HUH? AFTER ALL, KAHM AND I ARE BOTH ALIENS, AT LEAST TO EACH OTHER
BUT I FIGURE T'LL ALL WORK OUT PRETTY WELL IN THE END

ARE WE READY, THEN? I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM.
OH, SURE THANKS
NOW, YOU STOP THAT KAHM! DON'T ACT THIS WAY!
LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!
FINE WITH ME HMPH!

HOLD IT!
HUH?

R-RAISA WHAT-
HEH.
ABOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT
CONGRATULATIONS !!
SMAK!!
HEY!!!
R-RAISA
YOU LECHEROUS TRAITOR!!
I CANT BELIEVE T!! I CANT !!!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE ?! YOU'RE A HUMAN DAMMIT !!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, YOU CREEP!!
I-- SHE-- WAIT !!
DON'T YOU TOUCH ME, YOU ALIEN !!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
OOOOHH !!
THE ALIEN HIT ME!! T H T ME TWICE !!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS "ALIEN" CRAP! YOU--
GODDAMN IT! STOP, BOTH OF YOU!
STOP IT, I SAID !!
WHAT THE HELL ?!
EEEK! SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
NO CEASEFIRE N EFFECT HERE..!



hahh
hahh

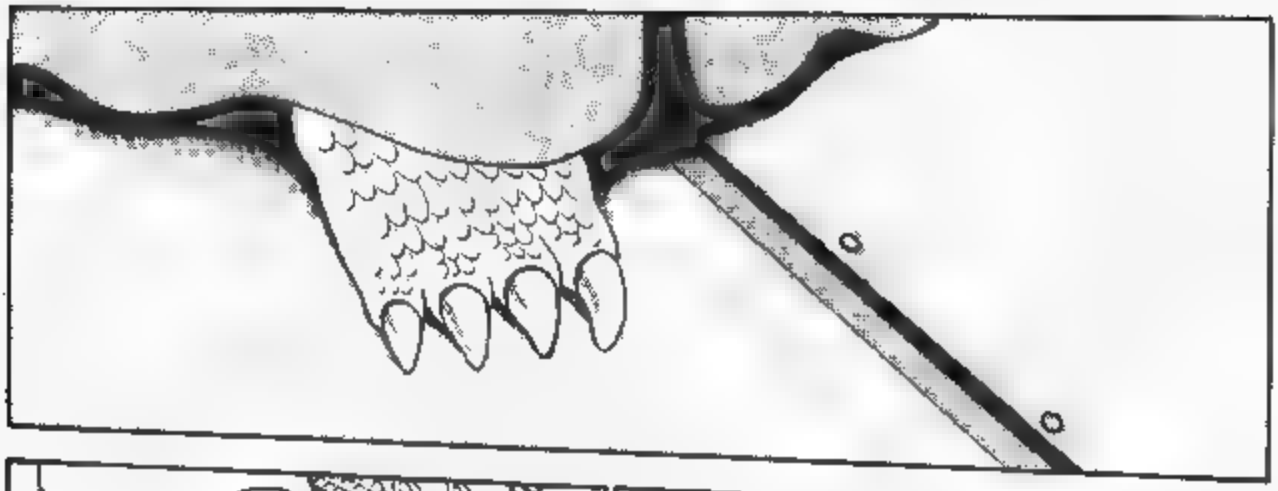
hahh
hahh

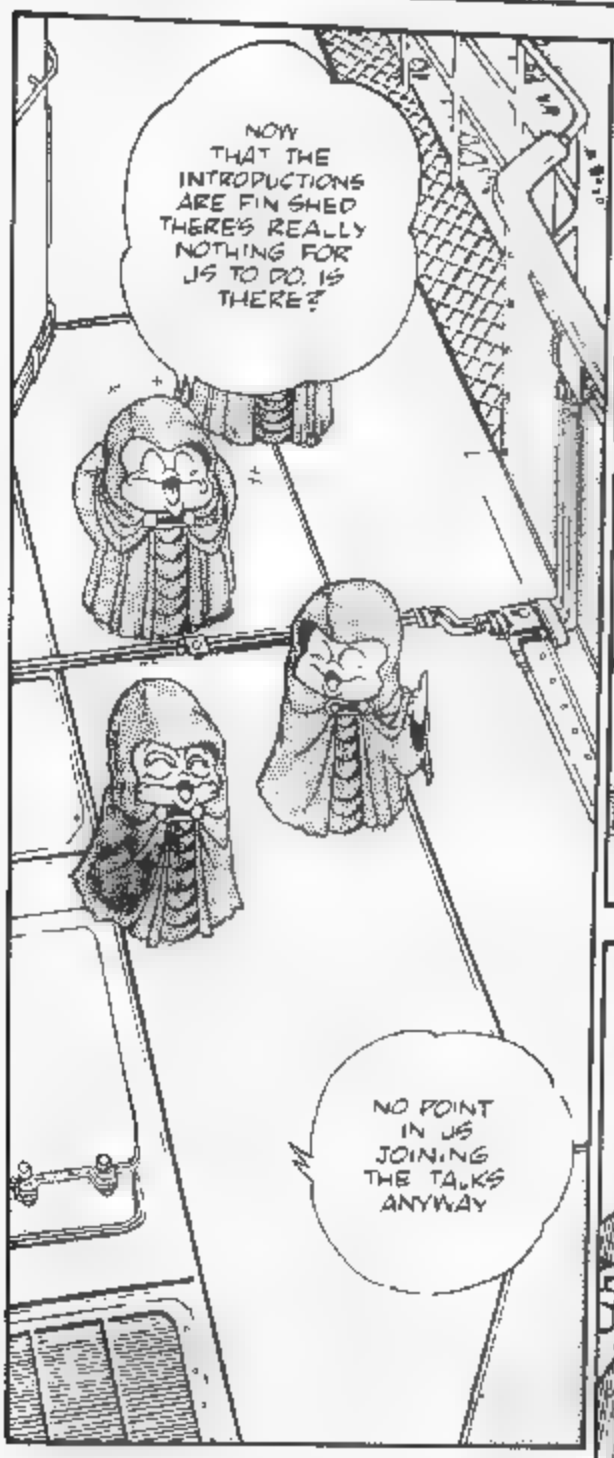
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, WOMAN?! YOU WERE SENT HERE AS A MEDIATOR!
ARE YOU INSANE?! THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS ATTACK THE DELEGATION!
Hmrrh!

TAKE HER ABOVE-DECK!

FOR-FORGIVE HER, PRINCESS! ARE YOU HURT?
WELL, WE WERE AT FAULT TOO.

IT WAS NOT MY FAULT!
RIGHT RIGHT! OUUUU
PLEASE, BE SEATED
TO BE CONTINUED



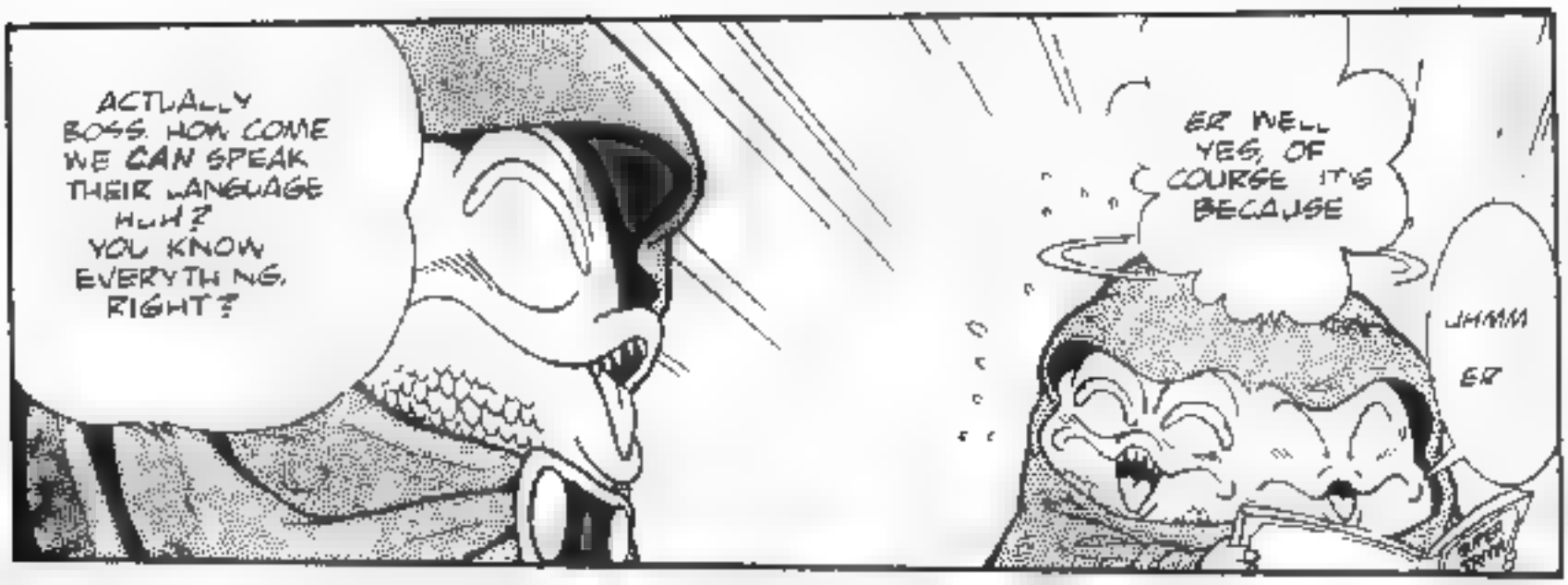

NOW THAT THE INTRODUCTIONS ARE FIN SHED THERE'S REALLY NOTHING FOR US TO DO, IS THERE?
NO POINT IN US JOINING THE TALKS ANYWAY

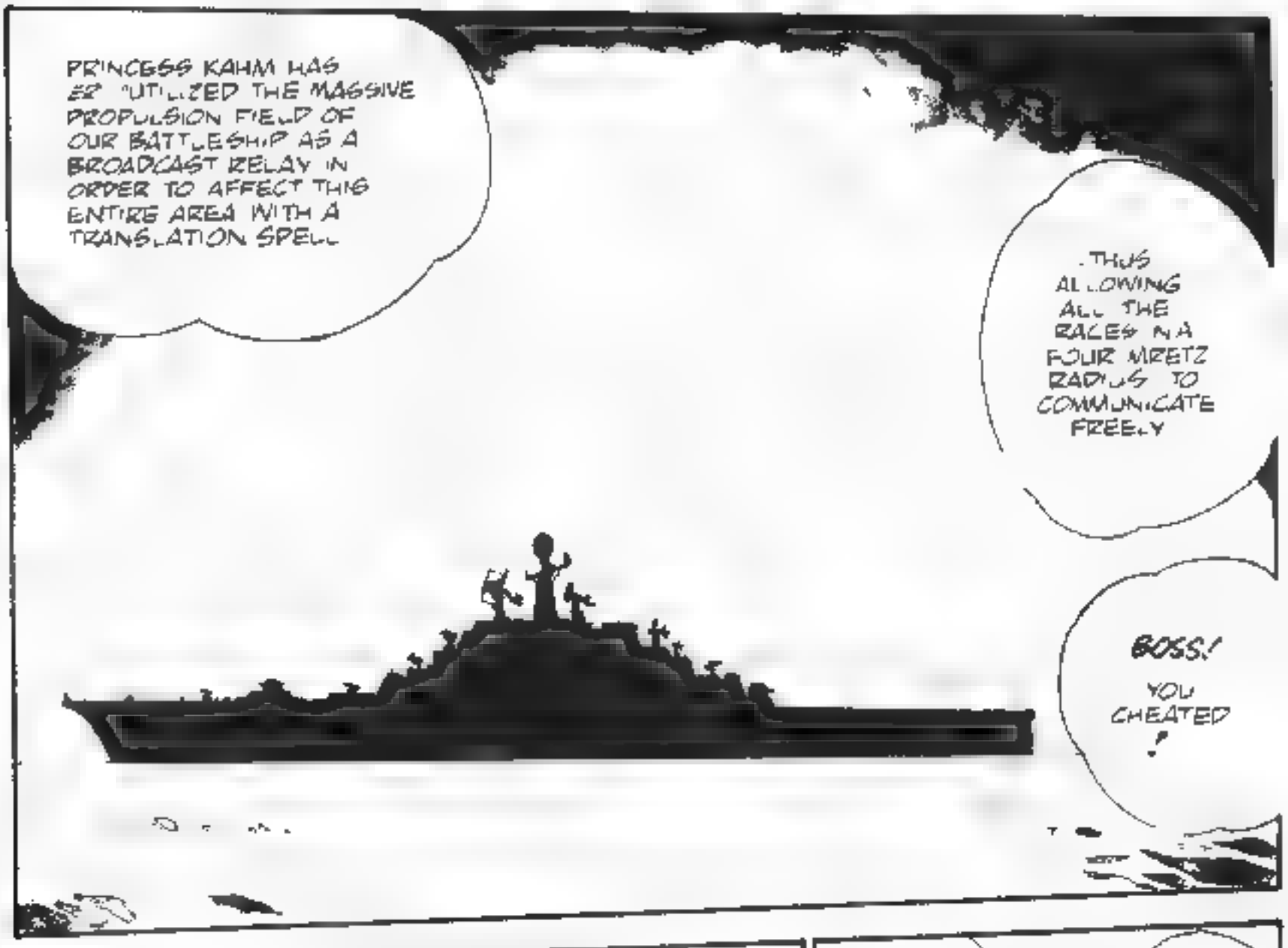
EVEN IF THEY LET US IN, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY WERE TALK NG ABOUT SINCE WE'RE SO STUPID
WHAT KIND OF TALK S THAT ?!

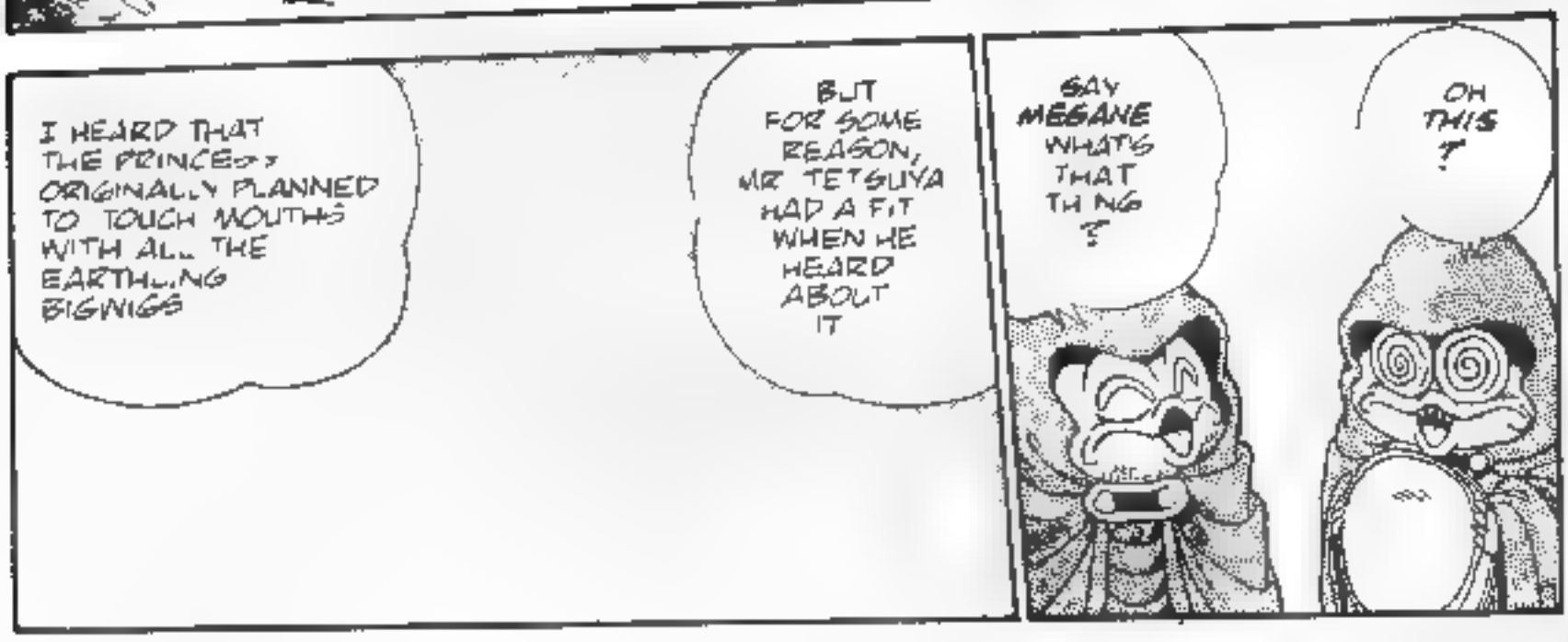
LOOK-- EARTH CREATURES !
HEY YOU!
!!

CHTO ЭTO ?!
(THOSE CRITTERS CAN SPEAK RUSSIAN!?!)

HOW QUA NT THEY'RE SURPR SED BECAUSE WE CAN SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE
HO HO HO!


ACTUALLY BOSS. HOW COME WE CAN SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE HUH? YOU KNOW EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
ER WELL YES, OF COURSE IT'S BECAUSE
UHMM ER


PRINCESS KAHM HAS ER UTILIZED THE MASSIVE PROPULSION FIELD OF OUR BATTLESHIP AS A BROADCAST RELAY IN ORDER TO AFFECT THIS ENTIRE AREA WITH A TRANSLATION SPELL
THUS ALLOWING ALL THE RACES IN A FOUR MRETZ RADIUS TO COMMUNICATE FREELY
BOSS! YOU CHEATED!


I HEARD THAT THE PRINCESS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO TOUCH MOUTHS WITH ALL THE EARTHLING BIGWIGS
BUT FOR SOME REASON, MR TETSUYA HAD A FIT WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT IT
SAY MEGANE WHAT'S THAT THING?
OH THIS?

IT'S A HAT!

REMEMBER THAT G RL WHO FOUGHT WITH PR NCESS KAHM?

IT FELL OFF AND SHE LEFT WITHOUT IT

GREAT FNORD!!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE YOU LUNATIC?!

WELL, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT BACK

AND AND TH THERE SHE S!!

YOU IDIOT!! IF SHE SEES US WALK NG AROUND WITH THAT WE'RE DEAD! SHE'LL KILL US ALL!!

SHE TOOK ON THE PR NCESS!

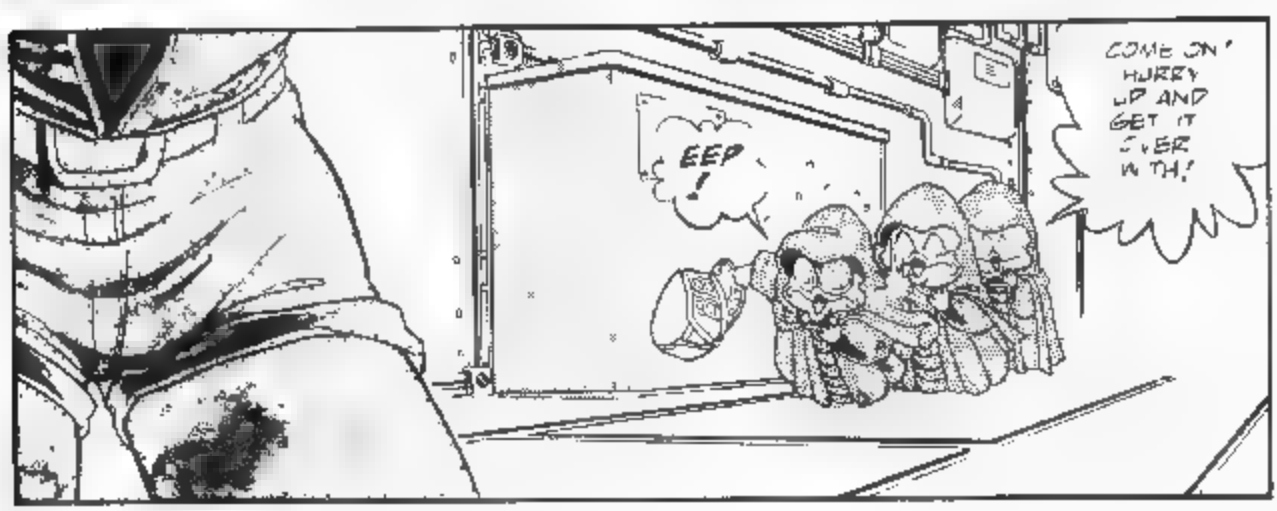
AND T WAS AN EVEN MATCH!

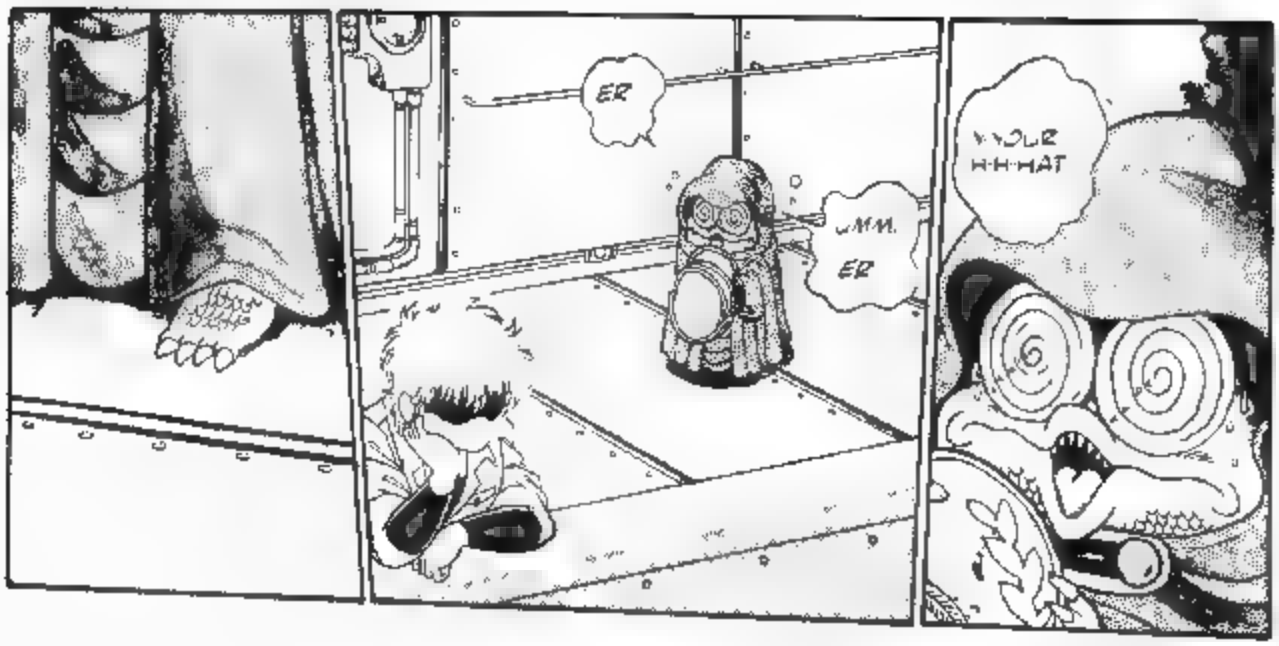
UH OH.

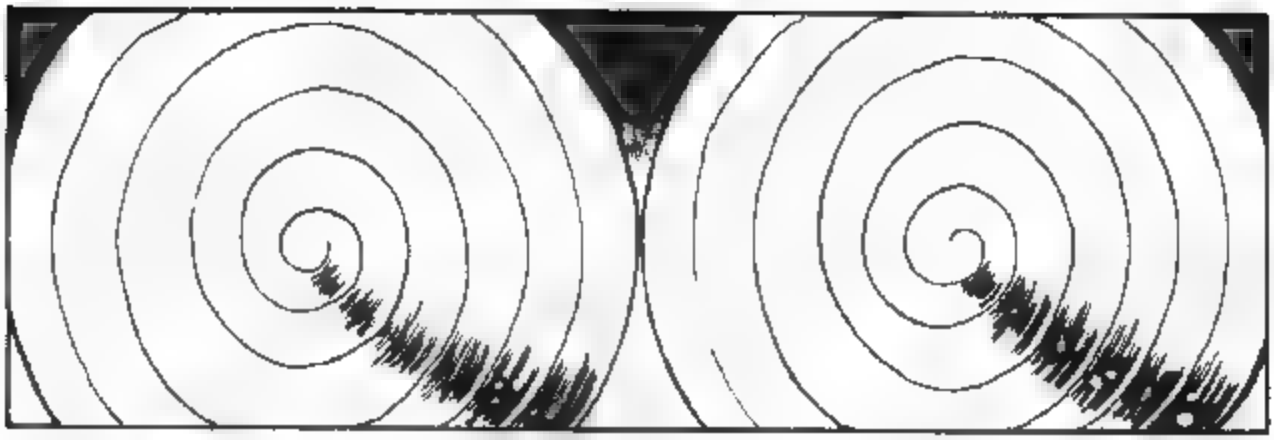
THIS WAS YOUR DEA! SO YOU GIVE IT BALK TO HER!
N-NO! WAT! HELLLP !!

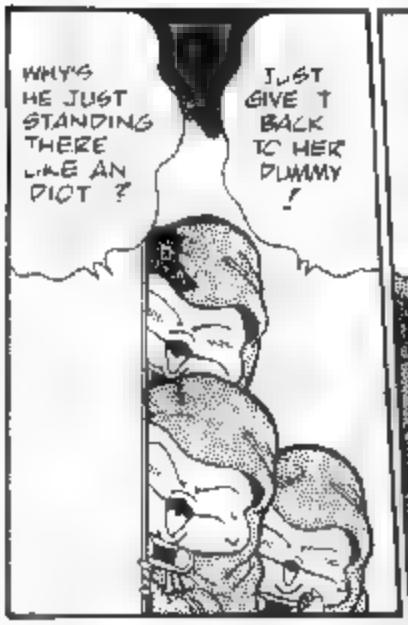
F F FORGET T' I M SCARED TO DEATH !!
IDIOT! A WARRIOR OF THE NUBA TR BE KNOWS NO FEAR!

SO GO NOW AND DIE WITH HONOR! N CE KNOWING YOU!
YOU HEARTLESS SWINE !


EEP !
COME ON! HURRY UP AND GET IT OVER W TH!


ER
UMM. ER
YOUR H-H-HAT




WHY'S HE JUST STANDING THERE LIKE AN IDIOT ?
JUST GIVE T BACK TO HER DUMMY !

HEY ! HE'S COMING BACK !

WHY DID YOU COME BACK ?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE T TO HER YOU FOOL ?!

I
I
I
?
I'M IN LOVE !!

A PRINCESS !?!
SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? YOU GOT SOME PROBLEM WITH THAT.?
OH NO! NOT AT ALL! HA HA IT'S JUST THAT SORRY!
HMPH!
THERE'VE BEEN RUMORS. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS BUT WE NEVER IMAGINED THAT YOU WERE REALLY.

AHEM! WELL, THAT'S NEITHER HERE NOR THERE. ER YOUR MAJESTY! WE ARE, OF COURSE, DEEPLY HONORED THAT YOU HAVE GRACIOUSLY DEIGNED TO MEET WITH US IN PERSON

YOU MUST FIND THIS SHIPBOARD CONFERENCE CHAMBER CROWDED AND UNCOMFORTABLE BUT DUE TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WE'RE QUITE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND

NOW WE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR MESSAGES, THAT THE TWO OF YOU ARE ENGAGED?

WELLLL NOT EXACTLY. YOU SEE--

AW, C'MON! YOU CAN ADMIT IT! TETSUYA TOOK ONE LOOK AT ME AND FELL HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE!

GEEZ KAHM! CUT IT OUT!

WELL, WELL! THESE ARE MOST FELIC TOUS TIDINGS INDEED! WE ARE OVERJOYED AT YOUR GOOD FORTUNE!

OH YEAH ?

NATURALLY! AN IMPORTANT BOND HAS BEEN FORGED BETWEEN EARTH AND THE *SANTOVASKU EMPIRE*.

WE WELCOME YOU TWO YOUNG EMISSARIES OF PEACE WITH JOY AND PLEASURE!

AND OF COURSE WE NOW LOOK FORWARD TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO THE HOSTILITIES!

WELL GEE ER ACTUALLY WE'RE.

REBELS ?!?

KAHM AND I DECIDED TO PROTECT THE EARTH. WE JOINED WITH OUR TWO COMPANIONS HERE TO FORM A REBEL ARMY

WE'VE COME HERE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF EARTH AS MUCH WARNING AS POSSIBLE

SO THAT'S IT

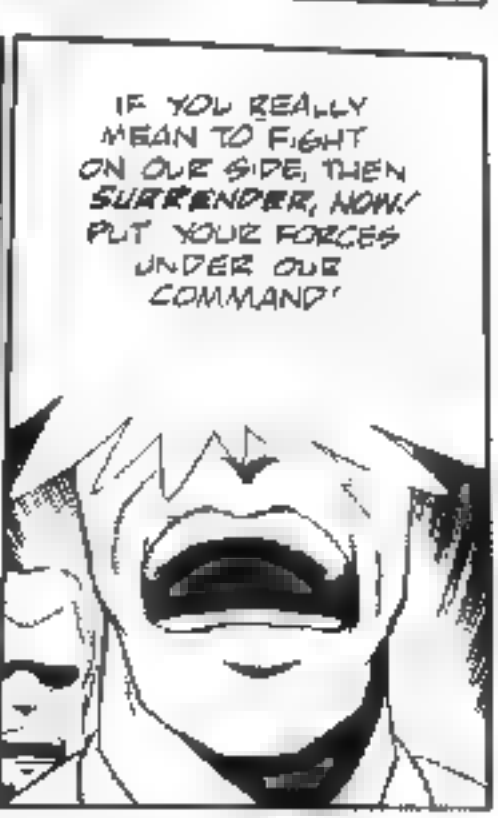
IF WE JOIN FORCES, WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!

HMM. THIS CHANGES MATTERS CONSIDERABLY.

WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU WERE OFFICIAL EMISSARIES FROM THE EMPIRE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK COMMANDER? DOES A SMALL REBEL UNIT HAVE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH US DIRECTLY?
OUT OF THE QUESTION!

I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW ALL THIS TALK OF REBELLION. BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR-- THIS WAR WAS STARTED BY YOUR SIDE!

NOW YOU COME CRAWLING TO US AND SAY YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MINDS YOU WANT TO JOIN FORCES WITH US. RIDICULOUS!


IF YOU REALLY MEAN TO FIGHT ON OUR SIDE, THEN SURRENDER, NOW! PUT YOUR FORCES UNDER OUR COMMAND!

JUST HOLD ON A SECOND! WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO SURRENDER--!

THOSE ARE OUR TERMS DISARM YOURSELVES PROMPTLY
AND YOU WILL BE WELCOMED AS COMRADES TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME IN THIS MANNER!?!

SPANGG
GLRK!
J JUST WHAT DO YOU TH NK YOU'RE DO NG ?!
HAVE YOU COME HERE TO SEEK PEACE OR TO START ANOTHER WAR?!
SO WHO STARTED IT BY NSULTING ME, HUHT WHO?!
OH GEEZ
OH MAN
MY GOD! IT'S ALL OVER ALREADY!
AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED THE TALKS!

NEAN!

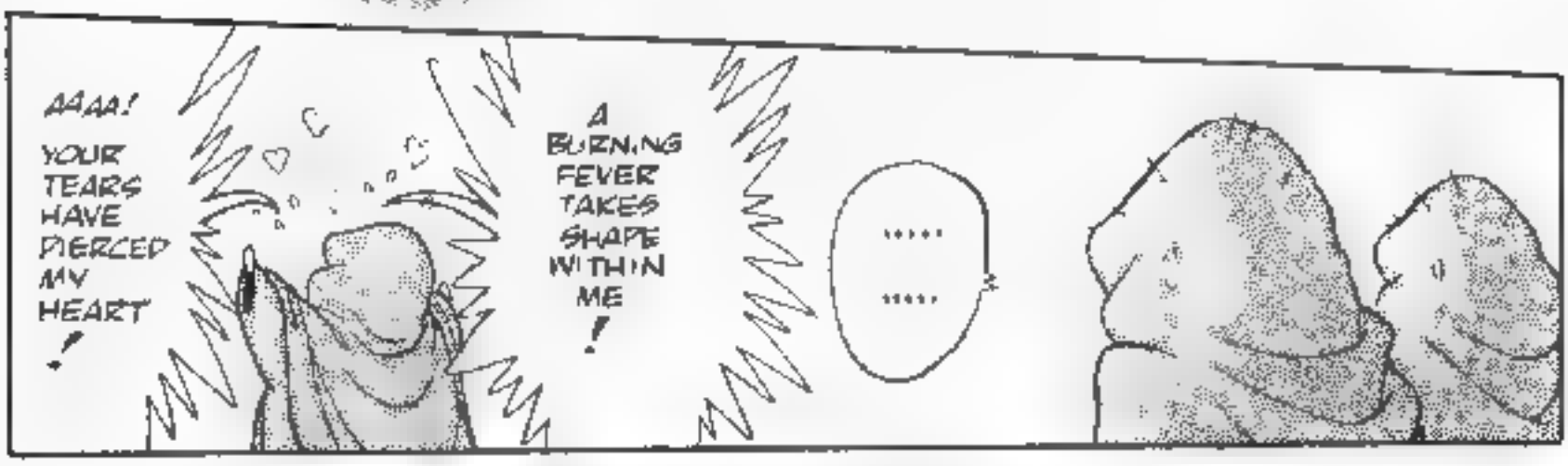
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP!
YOU SHUT UP!
GEOBALD!!
N-NON JUST CALM DOWN! DON'T-

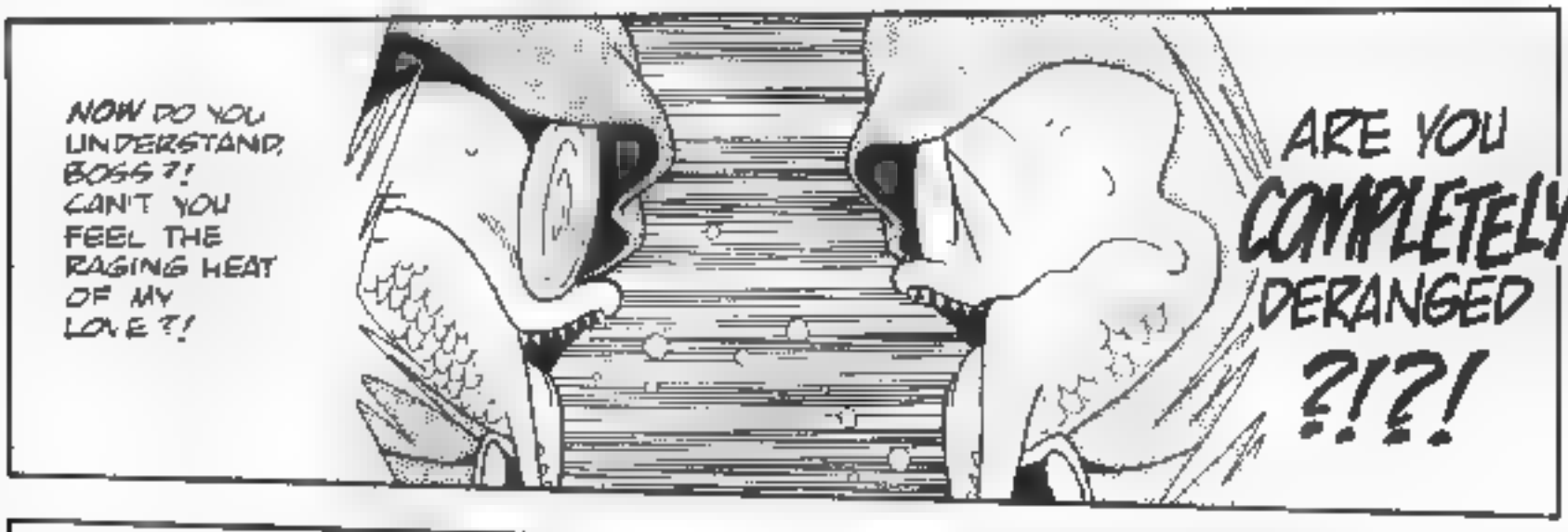
GURK!
LISTEN UP GRANDPA! LOOKS LIKE YOU PILOTS DON'T UNDERSTAND NOTHIN'!
WH-WHAT?
THIS AIN'T THE TIME TO BE TALKIN ABOUT "AUTHORITY" AND SUCH BULLSHIT, IS IT?
DON'T YOU FIGURE YOU OUGHTA BE PULLIN TOGETHER ALL THE MILITARY FORCES YOU CAN TO GET READY FOR THE BIG OFFENSIVE?
BUT WHAT DO YOU JERKS DO INSTEAD? YOU WANT US REBELS TO "SURRENDER"?
WELL, SCREW YOU, ASSHOLE!
KLIK
PLEASE, CALM DOWN COMMANDER BOBBA JET!

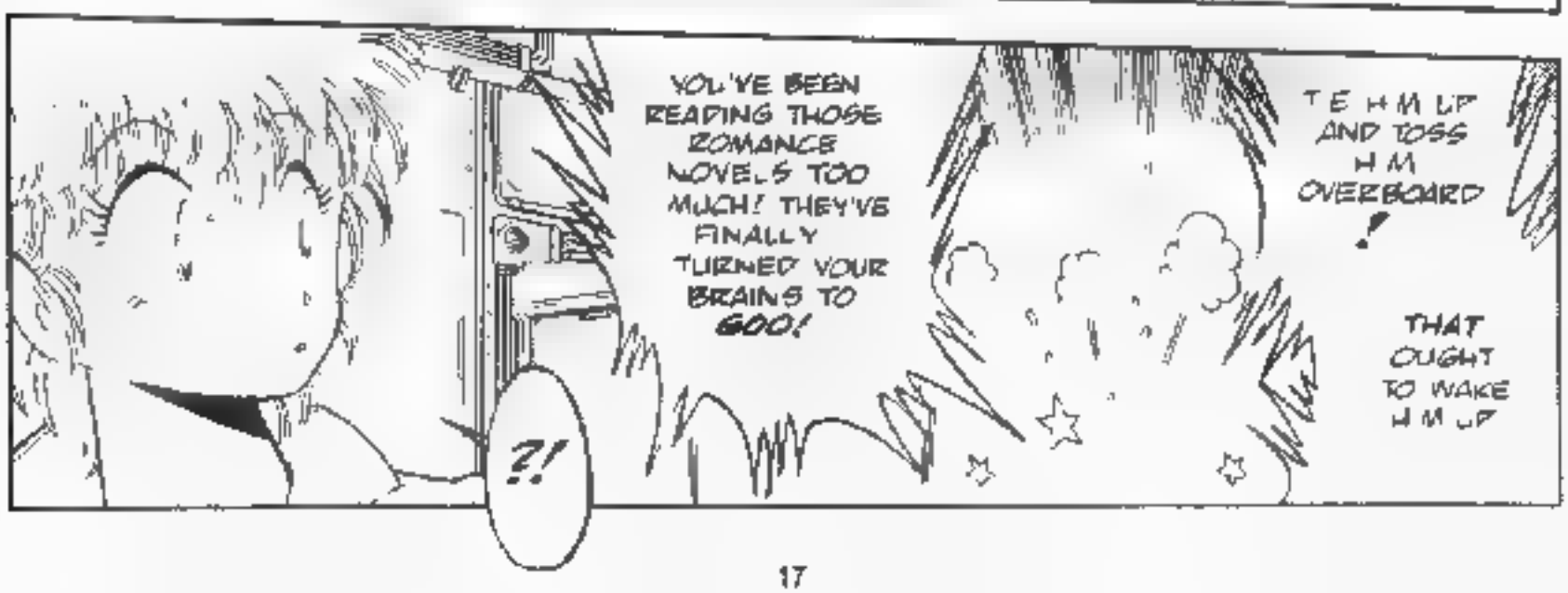
I'M IN LOVE!
I'M IN LOVE I'M IN LOVE!
I'M IN LOOOVE!!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
I WONDERED WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY AND NOW THIS!!
YOU MORON!!
OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE STILL NOT OVER THE ANDROMEDA FLU!
YOU'RE WRONG!
THIS IS LOVE! MY FIRST TRUE LOVE!
DOUBLE DIOT!! SHE'S AN ALIEN!
OH YEAH! SO WHAT?! THAT DIDN'T STOP THE PRINCESS AND MR TETSUYA!
YEAH, WELL AT LEAST THEY LOOK OKAY TOGETHER!
NONSENSE! WHAT MATTER APPEARANCES, SO LONG AS OUR HEARTS ARE INTERTWINED IN LOVE!
NO NO MY FRIENDS YOU MUST HEAR MY TALE!

"THAT IRON-WILLED WOMAN, THAT ARCHETYPE OF FEMININE STRENGTH WAS **CRYING**... GREAT TEARS STREAMED GENTLY DOWN HER CHEEKS

"HER GENTLE NATURE LIKE THAT OF A CHILD, HIDDEN UNTIL NOW BEHIND A VEIL OF RAGE BORROWED THE SHAPE OF TEARS TO APPEAR BEFORE ME."







WHO'S THERE ?!

SHE'S SPOTTED US! BEAT IT!

SHH
HUH ?
WHA- ?

OH IT'S YOU GUYS KAHM'S LITTLE SERVANTS, RIGHT ?
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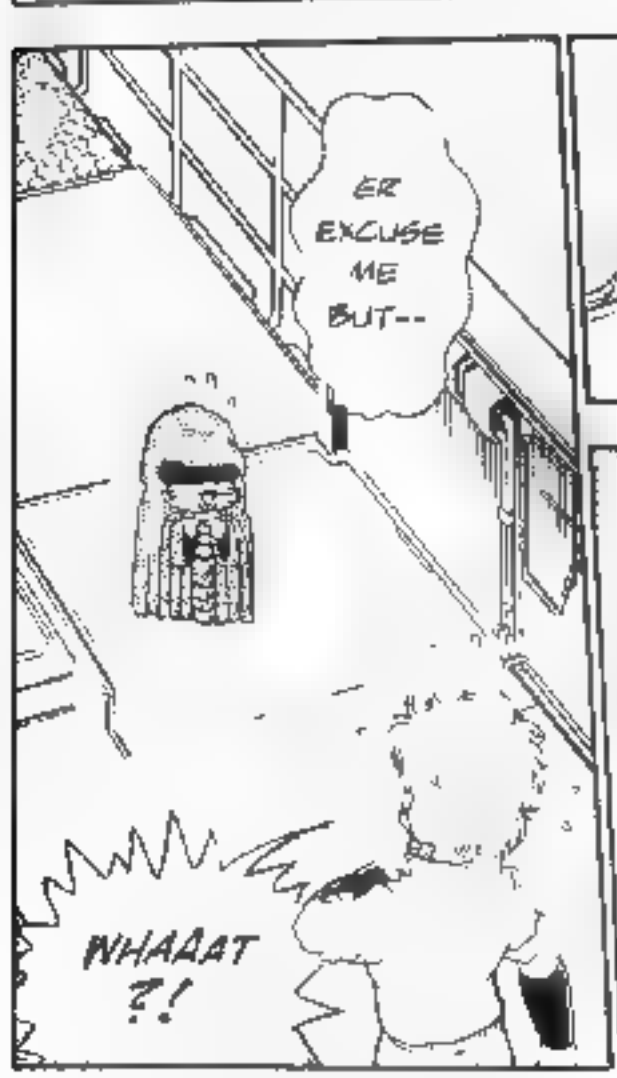

ER EXCUSE ME BUT--
WHAAAT ?!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU GUYS COULD SPEAK ANY EARTH LANGUAGES.

HUH! WEIRD.
H H HERE

MY HAT
YOU BROUGHT T ALL THE WAY HERE FOR ME ?
I NO. I MEAN, YES. I MEAN.
WHY WHY THANK YOU !
OH GEE GOSH. YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME I MEAN hee hee!
ALL RIGHT! I'D SURE M SS THIS BABY F I LOST T!

C. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TOSO.

WELL IF IT ISN'T TETSUYA WAKATSUKI

GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE LOOKING WELL MY BOY

YOU'RE GENERAL TOGO!

HEAD OF THE JAPAN SELF-DEFENSE FORCES!

I MET YOU AT THE DEFENSE AGENCY IN TOKYO, RIGHT? A COUPLE OF TIMES!

YOU KNOW HIM, TETSUYA?

SURE DO. FROM MY NEWSPAPER DAYS. THEY CALLED HIM THE "HAWK OF THE JSDF."

AND IF POOR AKI WAS RIGHT ABOUT HIM, HE WAS ALSO THE TOP MAN IN THE "SHADOW CABINET"

SO

YOU'RE THE REAL BOSS OF THIS BUNCH, ARE YOU? GREAT!

NOW I CAN QUIT WASTING MY TIME WITH THESE OLD LADIES!

WHDD

HUFF!

WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN TO COOPERATE WITH YOU

WHAT?

I SAID WE'D COOPERATE

GEN- GENERAL TOGO! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! HOW DARE YOU!
THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE UNIFIED CHIEFS OF STAFF TO DEBATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DECIDE THIS ON YOUR OWN
YOU HAVE VOTED ME COMMANDER OF THE UJCF CORRECT? THE AUTHORITY IS MINE!
STILL...
THIS IS TOO MUCH.
WELL MR NAKATSUK I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF TROUBLE WITH ONE OR TWO OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE PAST
BUT NOW WE FIGHT A COMMON ENEMY OUR POSITIONS ARE DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE NONETHELESS COMRADES IN ARMS
HUH?
AND MOREOVER FELLOW JAPANESE!

YEAH.

YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! WE CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR SURE!

SURE GUESS WE CAN WAIT A LITTLE WHILE FOR THAT

RIGHT ?

EXCUSE ME THERE IS ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ASK RIGHT NOW

YES ?

WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE GANTOVASKU EMPIRE WITH REGARD TO THE HUMAN RACE?

EXTERMINATION !

EX... EXTERMINATION ?!

gulp

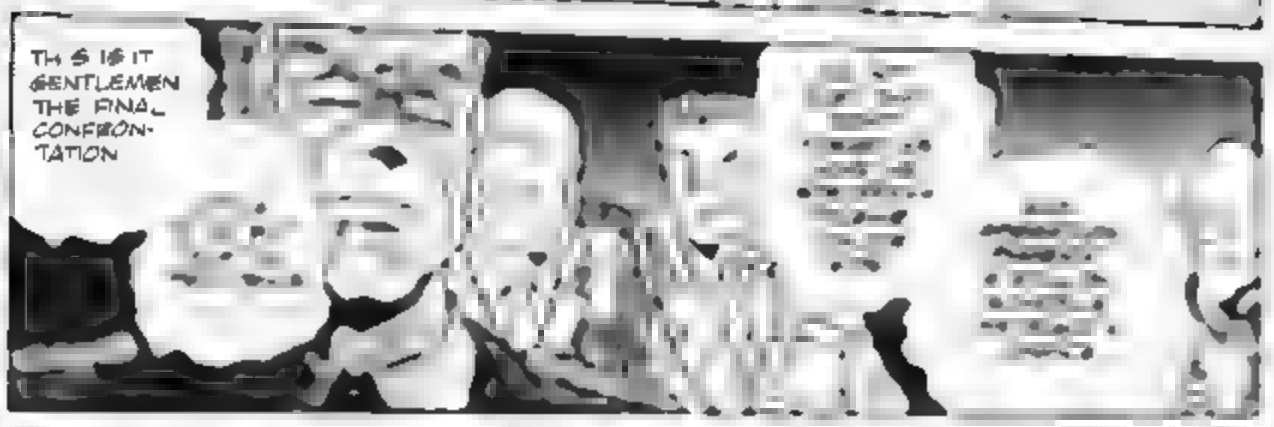
YOU SEE. YOU EARTHLINGS JUST AREN'T SUPPOSED TO EXIST

AT LEAST, FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE EMPIRE

H-HOW CAN THEY--

THE EMPIRE HAS ALREADY LEARNED OF OUR REBELLION WE ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE THEM TEN DAYS TO ASSEMBLE A MAIN BATTLE FLEET TO DESTROY US

DEBATE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE GENTLEMEN BUT REMEMBER-- YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF MUCH TIME


THIS IS IT GENTLEMEN THE FINAL CONFRONTATION

ALL RIGHT

SO THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN. MUST I GUESS TETSUYA AND KAHM HAVE REALLY BEEN THROUGH SOME HARD TIMES
THEY MUST BE PRETTY SERIOUS THOSE TWO.
WERE YOU IN LOVE WITH TETSUYA, TOO, MISS RA SA ?

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN BY **THAT,** YOU LITTLE FROGFACED **GNOME ?!!**

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A **JOKE!?** HUH? WAS THAT A **JOKE ?!?!**

WHERE'D YOU GET SUCH A STUPID IDEA?! DON'T SAY IT AGAIN OR I'LL GET MAD!

B-B-BUT YOU GOT ALL ANGRY AND ATTACKED PRINCESS KAHM.

I'M JUST **WORRIED** ABOUT A FELLOW EARTHLING, THAT'S **ALL!**

THAT'S ALL ?

I MEAN LET'S GET **REAL.** HERE' WHAT **NORMAL** PERSON WOULD THINK OF MARRYING AN ALIEN?

HE'S GOT TO BE A BIT NUTS! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

SO THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE MIGHT DO NEXT LEFT TO HIMSELF! GO. YEAH I WORRY ABOUT HIM--OF COURSE!

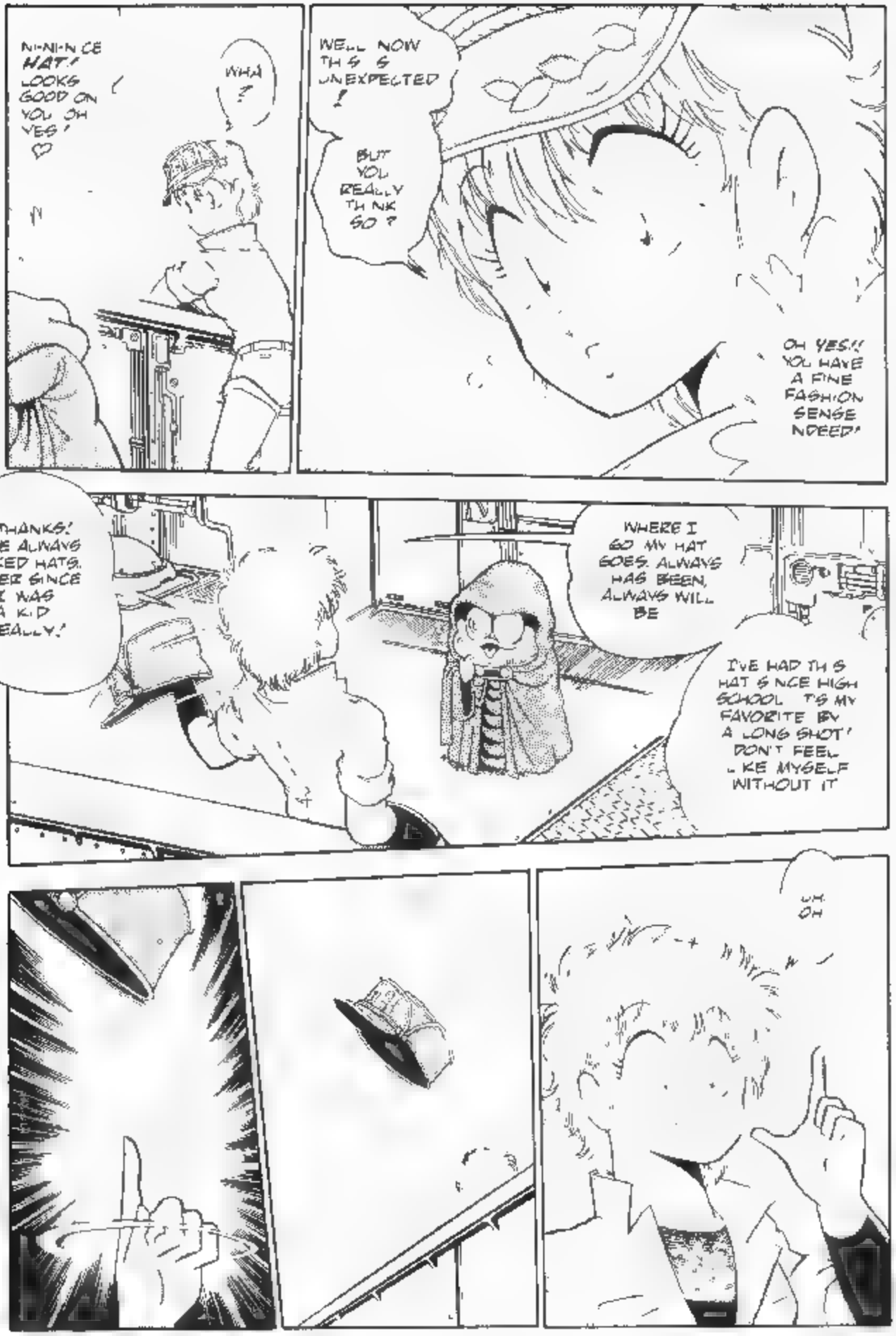
AND THAT'S **ALL** THERE IS TO IT!

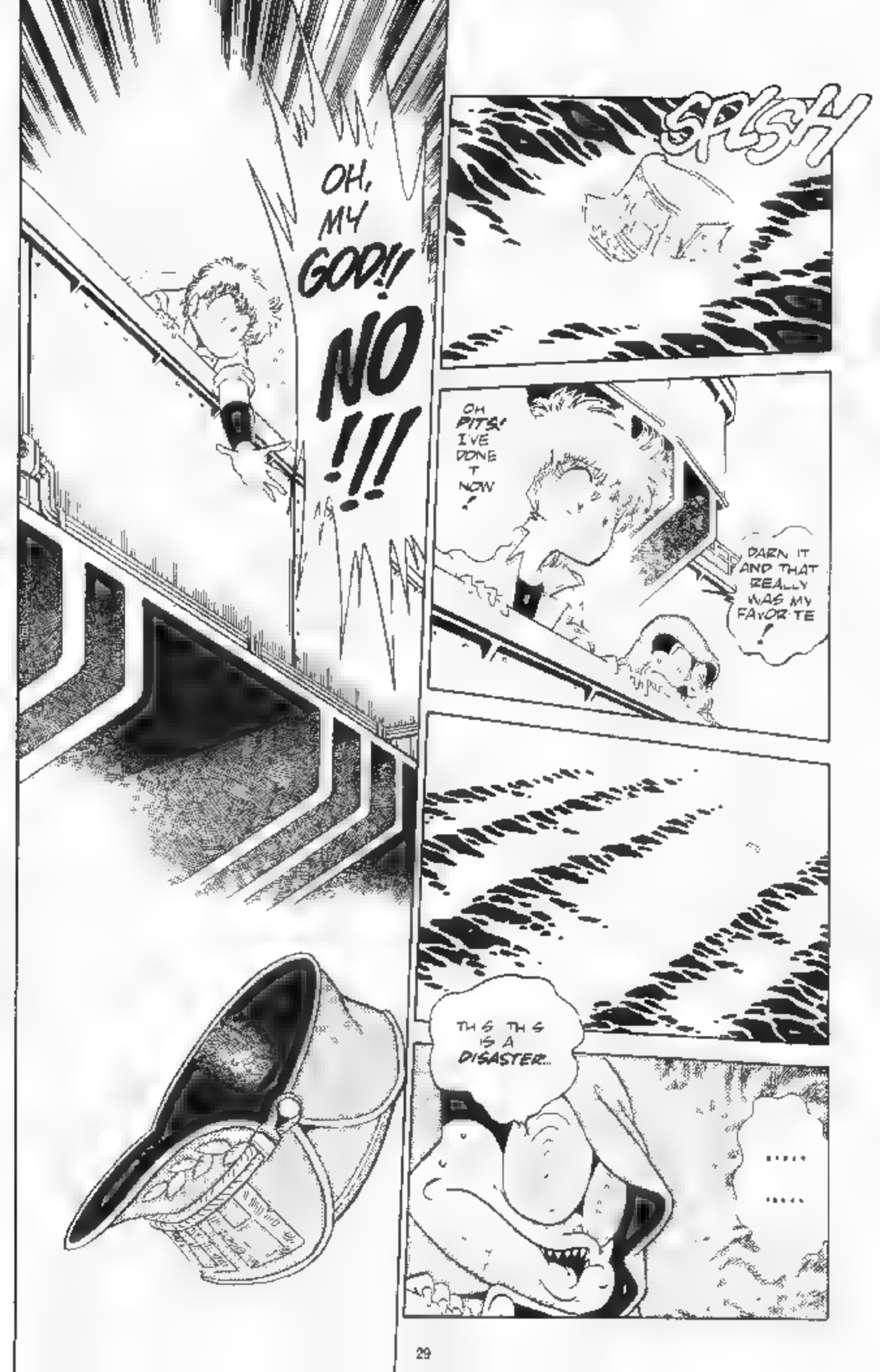
SHE'S AVAILABLE !

THIS IS YOUR **BIG CHANCE** MEGANE! QUICK! YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE CONVERSATION!

WHAT CAN I TALK ABOUT? **WHAT ?**

OH YEAH! RIGHT! SOMETHING CLOSE AT HAND!


N-NI-N CE HAT! LOOKS GOOD ON YOU OH YES!
WHA ?
WELL NOW TH S S UNEXPECTED !
BUT YOU REALLY TH NK SO ?
OH YES!! YOU HAVE A FINE FASHION SENSE NDEED!
THANKS! I'VE ALWAYS L KED HATS. EVER SINCE I WAS A K D REALLY!
WHERE I GO MY HAT GOES. ALWAYS HAS BEEN, ALWAYS WILL BE
I'VE HAD TH S HAT S NCE HIGH SCHOOL T'S MY FAVORITE BY A LONG SHOT! DON'T FEEL L KE MYSELF WITHOUT IT
UH OH


OH, MY GOD!! NO !!!
SPLSH
OH PITS! I'VE DONE T NOW!
DARN IT AND THAT REALLY WAS MY FAVOR TE!
TH S TH S IS A DISASTER...
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.....

GONE FOREVER. HUH? WELL THOSE RE THE BREAKS
NO! DON'T SAY THAT!
HUH?
LEAVE THIS TO ME!
LEAVE IT TO YOU?
HEY, WAIT! DON'T--
OH, NO!! TETSUYA! TETSUYAAAA!!!
WHELOOSH
HE WHAT?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!
I TRIED TO STOP HIM!
MAN OVERBOARD! REVERSE SCREWS! RESCUE TEAM TO AFTER DECK!
PLEASE! YOU MUST SAVE HIM! HE'LL SINK LIKE A STONE!

GBLURB!
BLUBLUBLUBLUB
MEGANE!
MEGANE! SPEAK TO US!

ALL RIGHT! HE'S STILL ALIVE!
WE'D BETTER MOVE HIM TO THE SICKBAY
MEGANE! DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME? HOW MANY FINGERS AM I HOLDING UP? HEY!
M-MISS... M-GS R-RA SA...
WHO M-ME? YOU MEAN ME?
H HERE...
WHY WHY DID YOU--
OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH, EVERYONE!
WE'LL TAKE HIM NOW!
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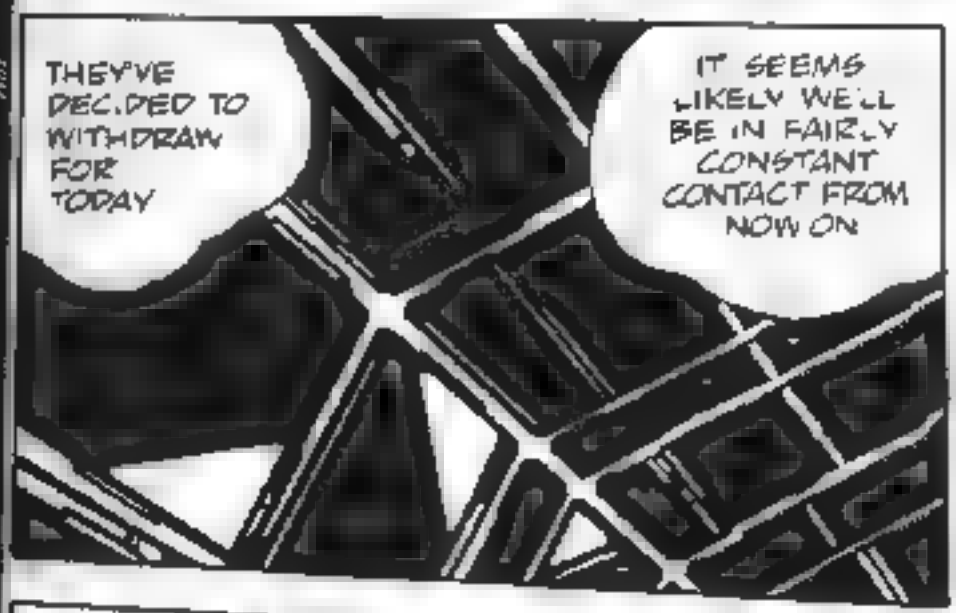
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW ?

SO HOW WAS T ?
ANY SPECIAL IMPRESSIONS. ?


THEY'VE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FOR TODAY
IT SEEMS LIKELY WE'LL BE IN FAIRLY CONSTANT CONTACT FROM NOW ON

DID YOU WANT TO MEET THEM ? IT'S NOT TOO LATE
N-NO. NOT NOW

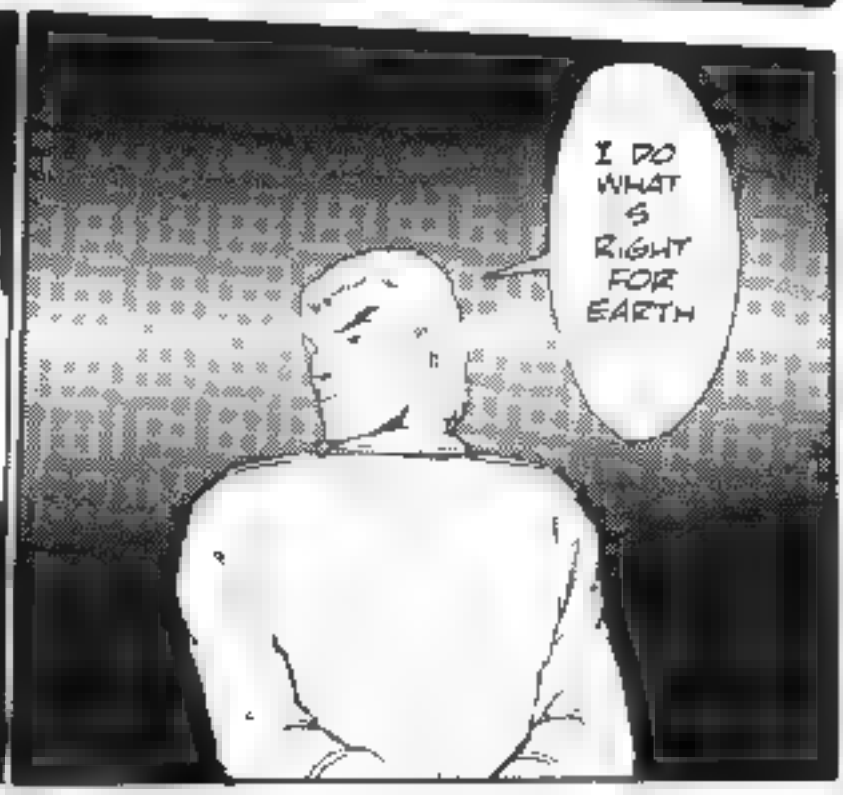
F I MET H M NOW
I FEAR I WOULD LOSE EVERYTH NG.

AND F THAT HAPPENED, MY WHOLE EX.STENCE UNDER GREAT LEADER NEO WOULD COME TO AN END

THEY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS A REBEL ARMY DID THEY NOT?
YES. AND IT SEEMS TO BE THE TRUTH.

OUR RECON SATELLITES HAVE CONF RMED THAT THERE WAS A MAJOR BATTLE IN LUNAR ORBIT A DAY AGO.
WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT AN IMPERIAL BATTLE FLEET ANY DAY, AND YET THEY SHOW NO SIGNS OF FLEEING. NO, I TH NK THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH

I DONT SEE HOW IT CAN HURT TO HAVE THEM ON OUR SIDE
THAT IS YOUR OPINION!
MY LORD NEO WILL NEVER PERMIT IT!


I DO WHAT S RIGHT FOR EARTH

I SIMPLY **CANNOT** UNDERSTAND YOU

ARE YOU NOT A SERVANT OF GREAT LEADER NEO..?

YES I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A COG IN THE VAST MACHINERY OF LORD NEO'S REVENGE.

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

NOTHING MORE THAN ANOTHER COG, OF COURSE OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY A **WEAPON**.

HOW **DARE** YOU?!

I HAVE SERVED LORD NEO FOR 30 YEARS...

I HAVE SPUN AROUND AND AROUND ON MY AXLE JUST AS I WAS TOLD BUT SOMETIMES, EVEN A COG WANTS TO SPIN IN ITS OWN DIRECTION

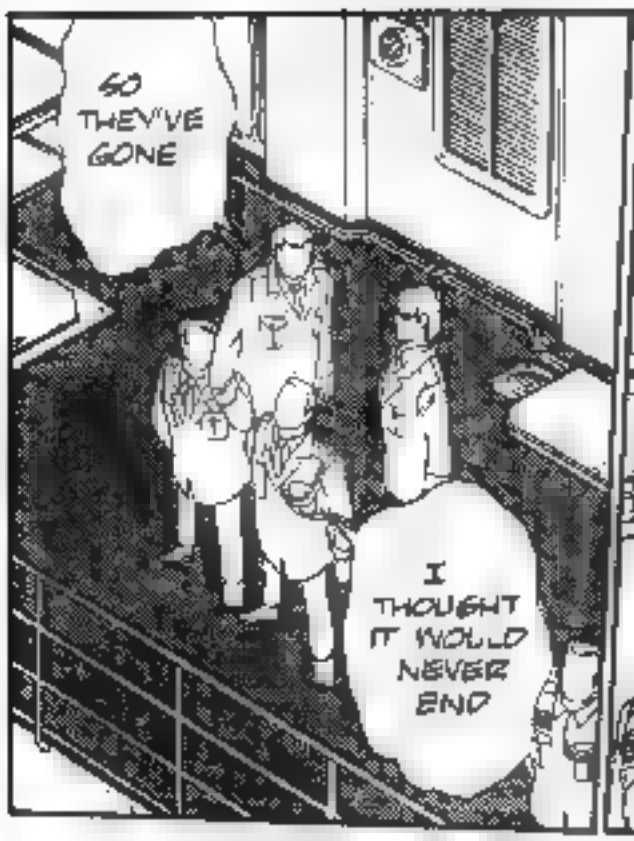
THIS COMING WAR WITH THE EMPIRE WILL BE MORE SAVAGE THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER KNOWN

INSTEAD OF BEING A GOOD LITTLE COG TO THE VERY END

...WHY NOT JOIN THE HUMAN RACE?

TO PRINCESS KAHM THE ROYAL PARTY AND THE REBEL ARMY--
GODSPEED!

WWWWWW


SO THEY'VE GONE
I THOUGHT IT WOULD NEVER END

COMMANDER TOGO! THAT PROMISE YOU MADE--CAN YOU REALLY DO SUCH A THING?
IT DIRECTLY DEFIES GREAT LEADER NEO'S DOCTRINE

I DON'T CARE

THE EARTH BELONGS TO US!

WELL... THAT SEEMS TO HAVE COME OFF OKAY KAHM.
YEAH NOT BAD AT ALL

I STILL DONT THINK THEY REALLY TRUST US NOT COMPLETELY

BUT AT LEAST THEY UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE IMPERIAL ARMY

AND NOW I CAN FIGHT WITHOUT ANY REGRETS!

IF THE EARTHS BEHIND US I CAN REALLY KICK OUT ALL THE JAWS AND FIGHT! WE CAN'T LOSE!!

UH-HUH!

I COULDN'T HAVE HANDLED IT IF I'D HAD TO FIGHT MY OWN PEOPLE

HEH. ONCE THAT BUNCH LEARNED THEIR PLACE, THEY GOT DOWNRIGHT REASONABLE

I WONDER I WONDER

WHAT D'YOU MEAN BY THAT? SOMETHIN' BOTHERIN' YOU?

YES A LITTLE

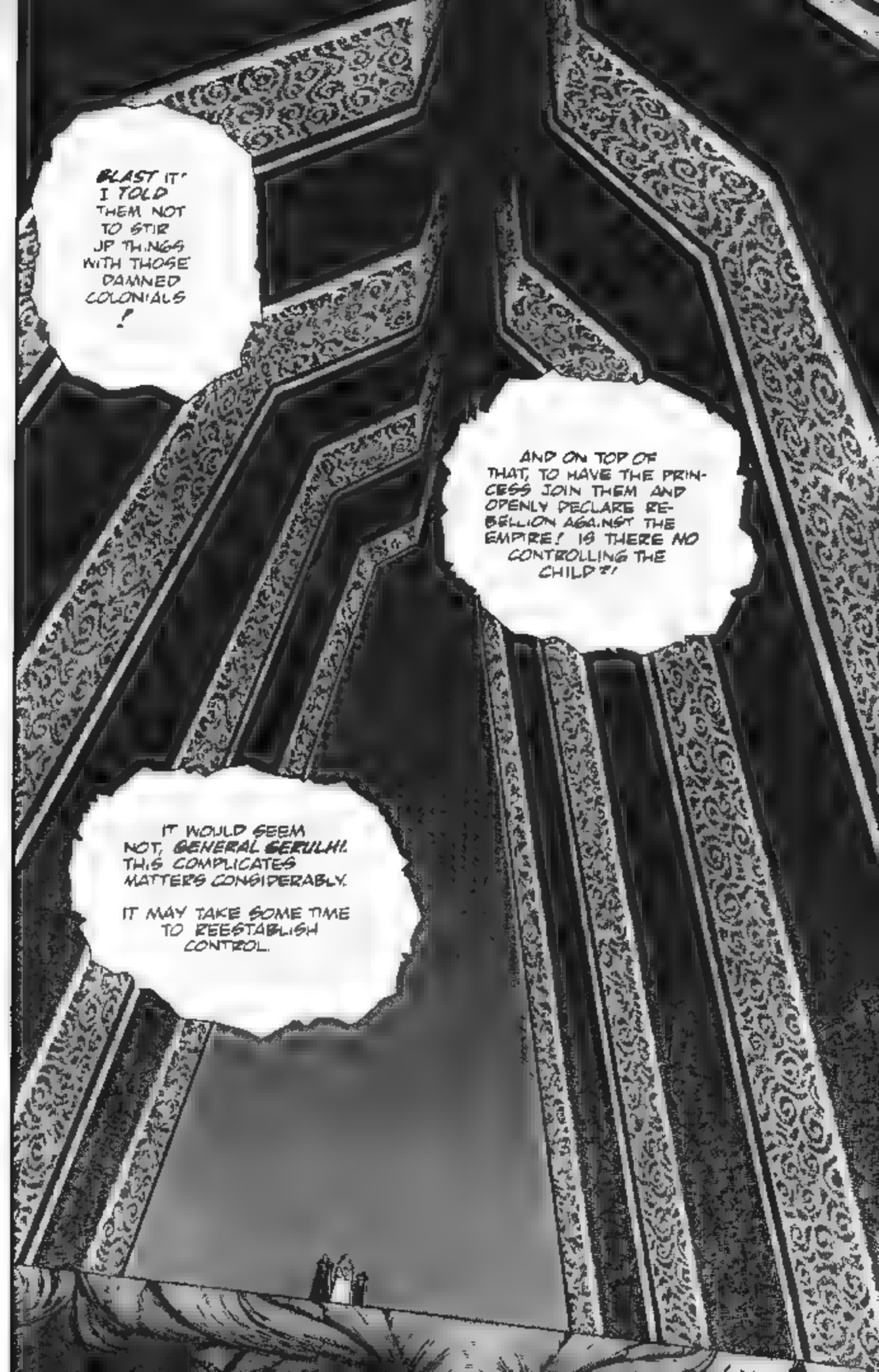
THAT TOGO GUY I DON'T TRUST HIM HE'S UP TO SOMETHING

MAN I'M STARVING! WHAT'S FOR DINNER KAHM?

THOSE DAMN CHEAPSKATE RUSSIANS DIDN'T EVEN FEED US!

THE SANTOVASKJ IMPERIAL PLANET

GEOBALDI'S TURNED ON US ?


BLAST IT! I TOLD THEM NOT TO STIR UP THINGS WITH THOSE DAMNED COLONIALS!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, TO HAVE THE PRINCESS JOIN THEM AND OPENLY DECLARE REBELLION AGAINST THE EMPIRE! IS THERE NO CONTROLLING THE CHILD?!
IT WOULD SEEM NOT, GENERAL GERULH! THIS COMPLICATES MATTERS CONSIDERABLY.
IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO REESTABLISH CONTROL.

TIME IS A LUXURY THAT WE DO NOT *HAVE LORD BERUFA* IT'S HARD ENOUGH KEEPING THE OTHER DIVISIONS IN LINE AS IT IS!

IT'S TIME TO RETHINK OUR ENTIRE POLICY ON ATTACKING THE SACRED PLANET

WE SHOULD SEND A PUNISHMENT FLEET-- HIT THEM HARD AND HIT THEM *NOW!*

AND WHERE HAS THE EMPEROR BEEN IN THIS AFFAIR EH?

THIS WHOLE DAMNED SITUATION IS A BLOT ON THE HONOR OF THE EMPIRE!

WATCH YOUR TONGUE GERULHI

NOTHING PAINS OUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS MORE THAN THE PRINCESS KAHM'S OUTRAGEOUS BEHAVIOR...

REGARDLESS WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THINGS HANGING FIRE! IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING

THIS IS TRUE

PERSONALLY I DOUBT THE EMPEROR WILL TOLERATE HER BEHAVIOR MUCH LONGER

BY THE WAY, GENERAL--

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP UNDER YOUR COMMAND HAS BEEN DEPLOYED IN THE BALYAS SYSTEM

WHAT OF IT?

THE POLITICAL SITUATION THERE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL. YOUR POOR TROOPS MUST BE RATHER BORED

WELL, GENERAL? IS THE EMPIRE'S FAMOUS "INVINCIBLE ARMY" INTERESTED IN WINNING THE *IMPERIAL CROSS*. ?

BY THE *GODS*! YOU WANT *ME* TO COMMAND THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION ?!

EXACTLY SO DEAR GENERAL

I EXPECT THE EMPEROR WILL HAND DOWN HIS DECREE AT THE IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL TODAY TOMORROW AT THE LATEST

HIS HIGHNESS DOES NOT DESIRE FURTHER CONFUSION WE CAN ASSUME HE WILL SEEK A FINAL SOLUTION BY FORCE OF ARMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

I SUGGEST YOU HAVE YOUR TROOPS READY TO MOVE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE

NOT SO FAST LORD BERUFA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING SENDING AN ENTIRE ARMY GROUP TO CLEAN UP A SINGLE DIVISION OF COLONIALS?!

THREE REGULAR DIVISIONS WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH!

MISJUDGE THE FIRE AND YOU BURN YOUR FINGERS, GENERAL.

YES, THE REBELS ARE FEW IN NUMBER. YET, THERE IS REASON ENOUGH FOR THE HIGH PRIESTS TO APPROACH THIS MISSION WITH CAUTION.

"IT'S NOT THAT I BELIEVE THIS FOOLISHNESS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE SORCERESS JILEHR.

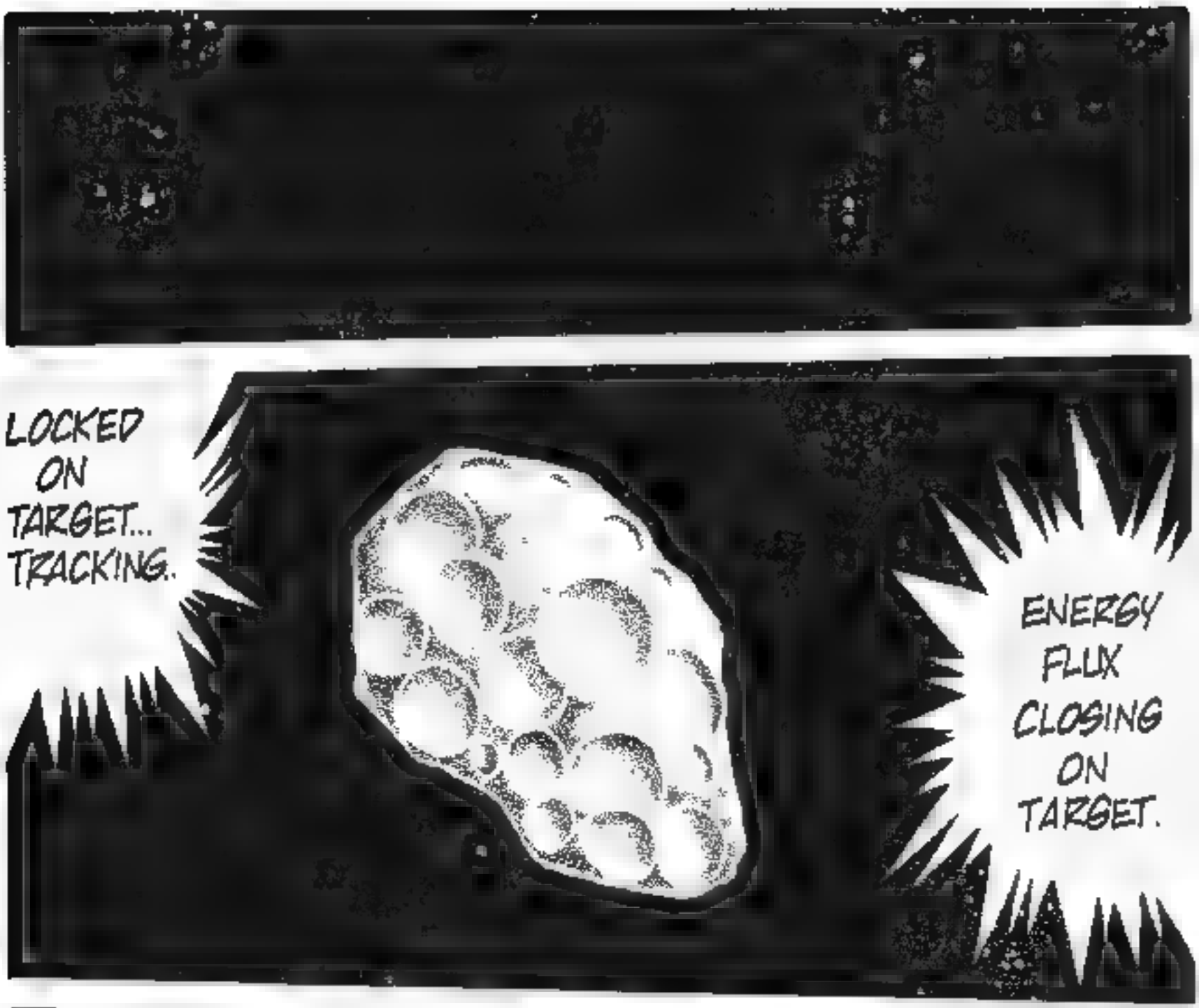
"AND YET, THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE SACRED PLANET."

IT'S THAT SUBCONCIOUS DREAD THAT MAKES OUR PRIESTS SO WARY-- THEY ARE DISTURBED BY MORE SUBTLE FEARS THAN BEOBALDI'S PATHETIC FORCES.

AND YET, OUR EMPIRE REIGNS SUPREME OVER ALL THE GALAXY! WE CANNOT STAND BY FOREVER, WRINGING OUR HANDS OVER THE PROPHECIES OF OUR ANCESTORS

EVEN IF SOME FRAGMENT OF THE YOMA CLAN STILL LIVES TO PLOT REVENGE AGAINST US WE MUST SHOW THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT THEY ARE POWERLESS BEFORE OUR BATTLE FLEETS

ARE YOU UP TO IT GENERAL ?
DOES THE HONORABLE LORD CHAMBERLAIN SUGGEST I'VE LOST MY EDGE?
BAIKIN !!
YES SIR!
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT GENERAL GERULHI BERLFA..
HE'LL BLAST AWAY THOSE PRIESTLY FEARS WITH ONE SALVO!
WE GO TO WAR !
SEND THE WORD OUT THROUGH GROUP CHANNELS TO EVERY DIVISION, TOP PRIORITY!!
ALL DIVISIONS ARE TO INITIATE A MOVEMENT IN FORCE WITH ALL AVAILABLE UNITS. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! LEAVE ONLY MINIMUM GUARD UNITS AROUND BALVAS!
FLEET RENDEZVOUS ON THE FORTRESS SEVHASTO ORBITAL TRACK!


LOCKED ON TARGET... TRACKING..
ENERGY FLUX CLOSING ON TARGET.

WHROOM
DIRECT HIT!!

YOU USELESS SLUGS !!

YOU'RE TOO GODDAMN SLOW!! YOU HEAR ME?!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE *PLAYING AT*, TAKING ALL THAT TIME FROM LOCK-ON TO FIRING ?!

WHILE YOU'RE HAVING YOUR PICNIC, THE EMPIRE'S GONNA BLOW YOU FULL OF *HOLES!*

THEY GOT US OUTNUMBERED A *HUNDRED TIMES OVER* !!

GET YOUR ASSES IN GEAR OR YOU'LL HAVE *TEN THOUSAND* INCOMING FOR EVERY SHOT YOU GET OFF!

ALL RIGHT *GERVA!* IT'S OUR TURN-- TIME TO SHOW THOSE JERKS WHAT A FLAGSHIP GUNNER CAN DO!

AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN! NO PROBLEM !

MAINTAIN FORWARD VELOCITY, VECTOR ADJUSTMENT ZERO-THREE, DEVIATION PLUS-FOUR!
TARGET LOCK--
FIRE!!
KLOTTI
HUH ?
GODDAMN BUNCHA MORONS STRANGLE THE LOT OF THEM. REGGHH!!
HEY BOSS! YOUR LADY'S ON THE COM!
RIGHT!

WHAT'S UP BATTIA ?
LUNCH READY ?

GET YOUR ASS DOWN HERE. DAMN IT!

I TOLD YOU WE WERE HAVING A STRATEGY PLANNING SESSION AT NOON !
BUT YOU GO OFF SHOOTING YOUR LITTLE GUNS AS SOON AS YOU'VE STUFFED BREAKFAST DOWN YOUR THROAT!

THE BATTALION COMMANDERS ARE ALL HERE WAITING FOR YOU!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU TH NK YOU'RE PLAYING AT ?!

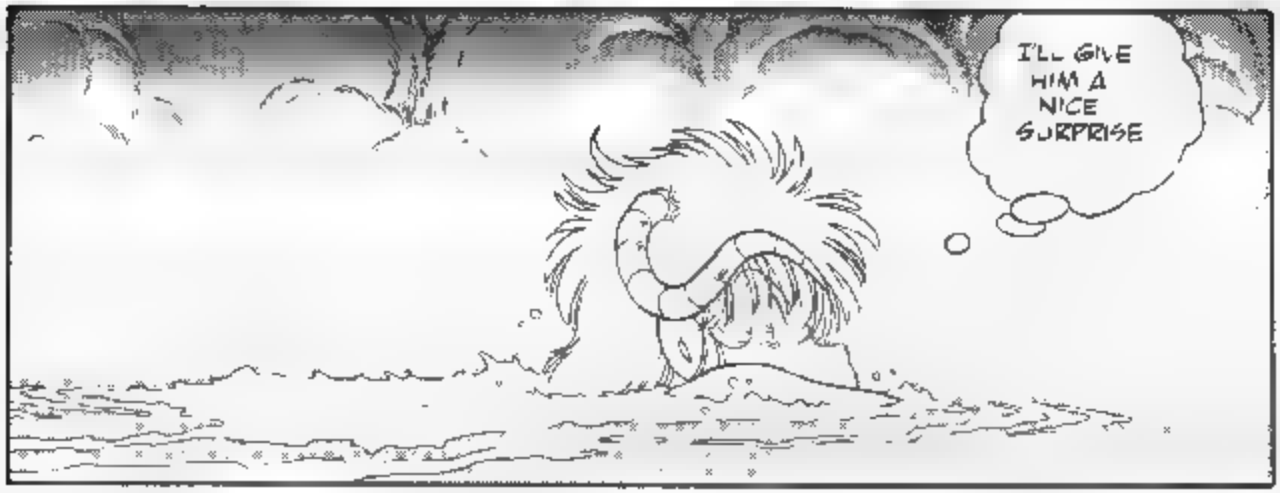
CAN IT GIRL. YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT BORING CRAP!
DO WHATEVER YOU PLEASE. !

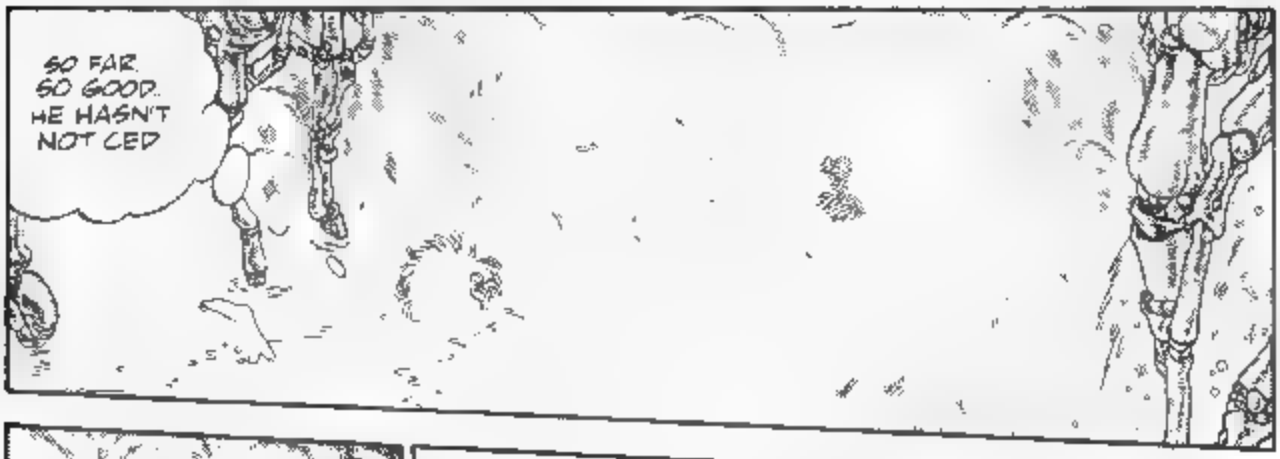
BY THE WAY BABE ..MAKE SURE BOTH YOU AND THE BED ARE WARMED UP TONIGHT !
HOW DARE YOU- !!

THAT GUY! WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT THE BLOOD GOES STRAIGHT TO HIS HEAD AND ELSEWHERE...
OF COURSE, THAT'S PART OF HIS APPEAL, TOO
WHERE'S THE PRINCESS KAHM ?
DAMNED IF I KNOW!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
THAT GIRL'S JUST AS BAD AS GEOBALDI-- LET'S NOT COMPLICATE THINGS FURTHER, HMM ?
WE'LL JUST DISCUSS THIS AMONG OURSELVES FOR THE TIME BEING.

I FINALLY FOUND SOME--THE SAINTOWAKU SUPER APHRODISIAC!
I'LL SLIP TETSUYA A SHOT OR TWO
GLEEP!
THIS STUFF'S POWERFUL!
HEE HEE HEE I CAN'T WAIT!
HMM WHERE'S HE GOTTEN TO ANYWAY?
HE WASN'T IN OUR ROOM
....
....
MAYBE HE'S TAKING A BATH?
AH HA!

FOUND YOU. YOU LITTLE RASCAL!
GEEZ.. IF YOU WANTED TO TAKE A BATH, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO!
WE COULD HAVE TAKEN ONE TOGETHER..
EH HEH HEHooo!
SPLSH


I'LL GIVE HIM A NICE SURPRISE


SO FAR SO GOOD. HE HASN'T NOT CED

AUL RIGHT

PLUSH

HERE WE GO!!

BOOM!!

HUH ?
WHAT TH--

SO THAT ONE WOULD GO HERE AND THIS ONE THERE NO WAY
PLEASE, MR TETSUYA-- COULD YOU SPEED IT UP A LITTLE ?

AW SHADDAP! I'M TRYING TO THINK!
YOU'RE JUST BUYING TIME-- YOU'VE ALREADY LOST
OH YEAH?! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS MOVE ?!!
KLAK

AIEEE-- EEEE!!

TH-THAT CAME FROM THE BATH CHAMBER !
KAHM !!
STOP HIM! HE OWES US 5,000 BESU !
KA--

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! LET GO OF ME! LET GO !!
SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE SNEAK THIEF !!
SURRENDER !!
SPLASH SPLASH
HUH ?
R. RAISA
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU STARING AT, TETSUYA ?!
ME ?! WHAT ABOUT YOU ? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING IN THERE ?!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
I CAUGHT A THIEF! MAYBE EVEN A SPY!!
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A THIEF?!
BLUB!
Bleeh!
EEEK!! AIEEE!
STOP IT! I SAID STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU!!
IF YOU DON'T STOP, I'LL GET REALLY PISSED OFF!!
YOIKS!
SPLASH!
YOU PERVERT!! DON'T YOU DARE LOOK AT ME!
SORRY 'BOUT THAT ♡

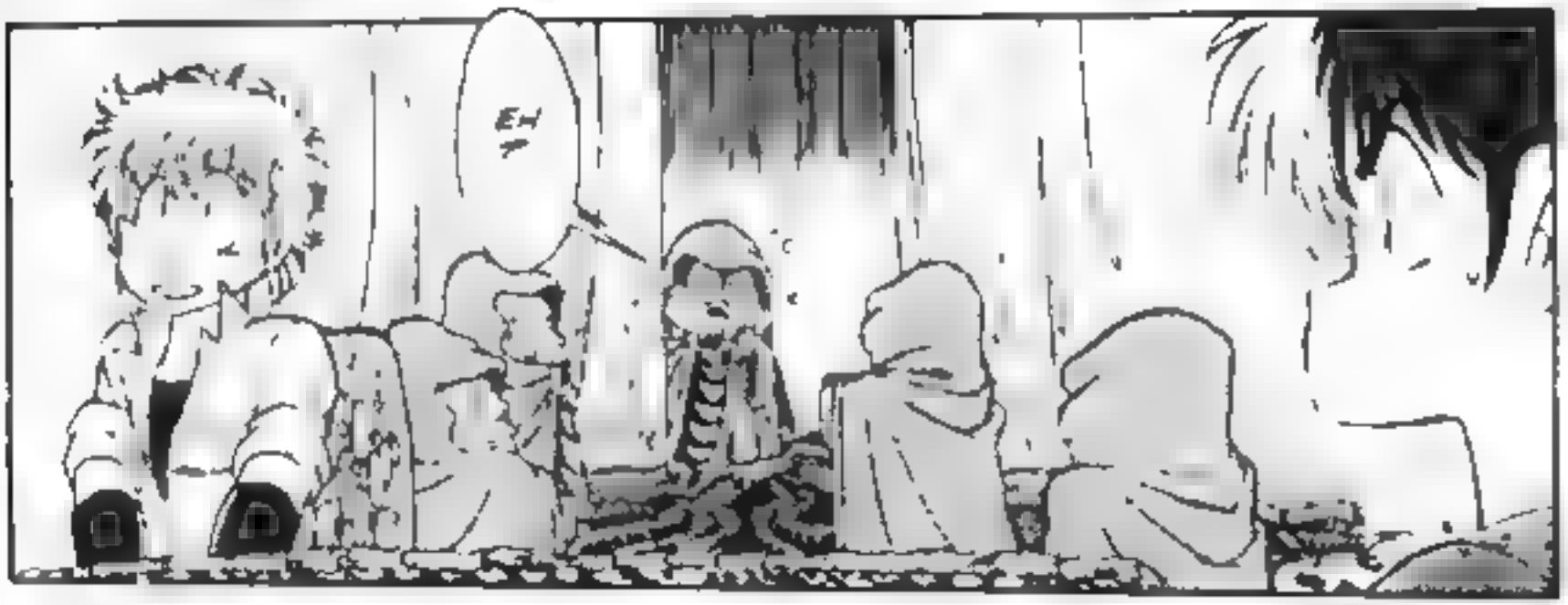
DON'T YOU DARE SPEAK TO MY TETSUYA THAT WAY!
BLOOSH
EEEEKI!
GEEZ I BETTER DO SOMETHING.
ALL RIGHT YOU TWO! THATS ENOUGH!
SPLSH
I SAID STOP!!
?!?
TETSUYA!
OOPS SORRY!
HOLD IT, YOU!

OH. NO YOU DON'T !
Phweet
HUH ?
KYHOOSH
EEEEK! EEEEK!
HEH TAKE THAT HONEY !
WHAT'S HAPPEN NG ?!
OH. NO!! MR TETSUYA'S DEAD !!
NOW. NOW MR TETSUYA.. YOU DON'T HAVE TO KILL YOURSELF WE HAVE A PAYMENT PLAN
BUG OFF !!

....
....
EH HEH
S-SORRY
I I APOLOGIZE FOR SNEAKING ON BOARD LIKE THAT
BUT HONEST, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO ANY HARM!
I JUST WANT TO FIGHT ON YOUR SIDE!
INTRUDER! THIEF! SPY!!
I AM NOT!!

WELL, SHE'LL HAVE TO STAY. NOW WE CAN'T EXACTLY TELL HER TO GET OFF OUT HERE, CAN WE?
REALLY? IT'S OKAY?
FORGET IT!!
IF SHE STAYS, I LEAVE!!
MAYBE YOU'D RATHER HAVE HER HERE. EH?!
THEY ALWAYS LIKE THIS..?
HEY! WAIT A SEC! CALM DOWN!!
TELL THE TRUTH!!
YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME OTHER REASON FOR STOWING AWAY ON MY SHIP!
I..I ALREADY TOLD YOU-- I JUST WANT TO FIGHT ON YOUR SIDE!
AND THAT'S ALL?!
I SWEAR!
BUT HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET ON BOARD?
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY THAT'S FOR SURE!
YEAH WELL.. ER.. ACTUALLY

SOMEBODY HELPED HER


EH ?

EH ?
EH ??

YAHA HAHA HA!!

I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY !!

AHA! I THOUGHT SO!!

YOU IDIOT !!

THIS SHIP IS PRINCESS KAHMS PRIVATE YACHT! AND YOU HELP A STOWAWAY GET ON BOARD?! AND EVEN WORSE, A GOOD-LOOKING GIRL HER OWN AGE!! DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING?!?

IT'S TWENTY LASHES FOR YOU!!

A'EEE !! MERCY BOSS !

W- WAIT !

IT'S NOT HIS FAULT!

I MADE HIM DO IT! HE DIDN'T WANT TO BUT I FORCED HIM!

I'M THE ONE TO BLAME!

GREAT! TOSS BOTH OF THEM OUT THE AIRLOCK !!

NOW LAHM

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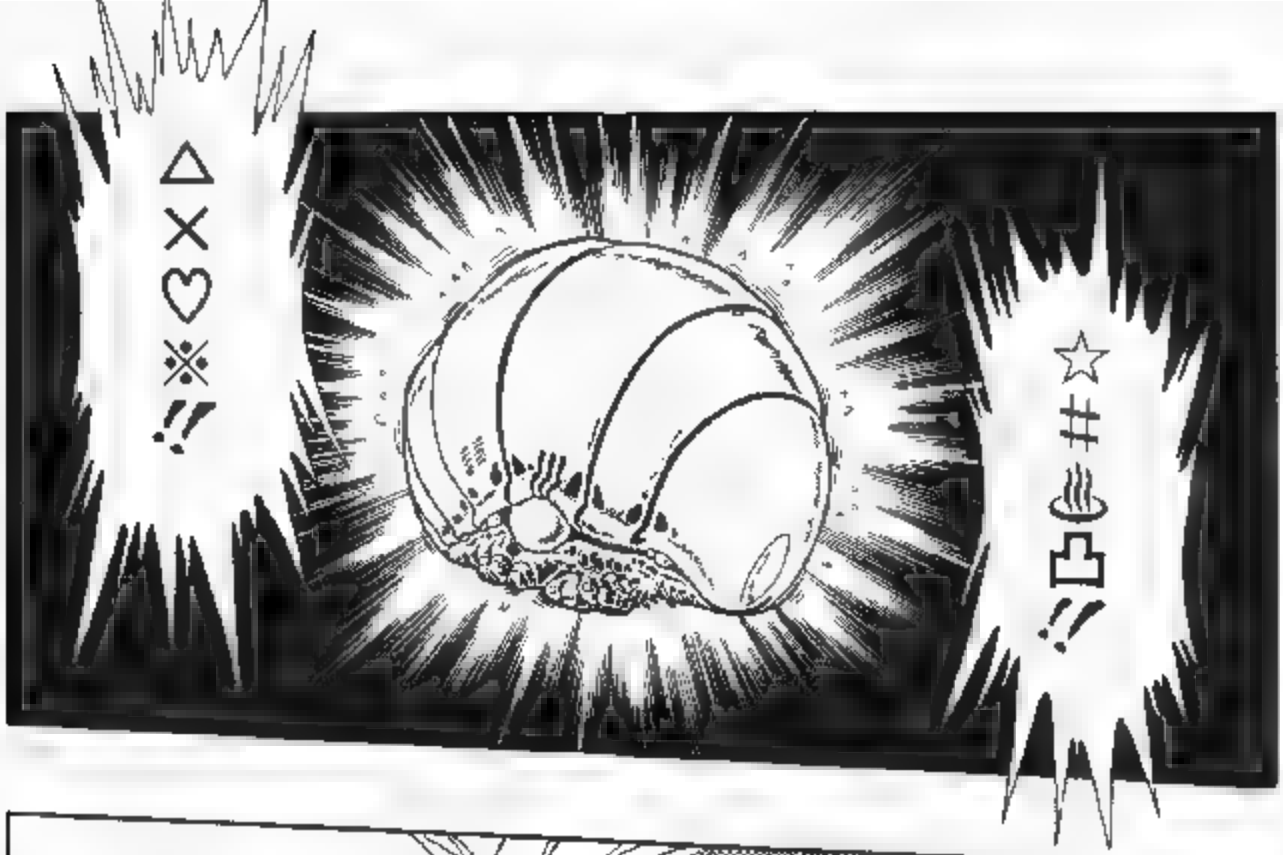

!!

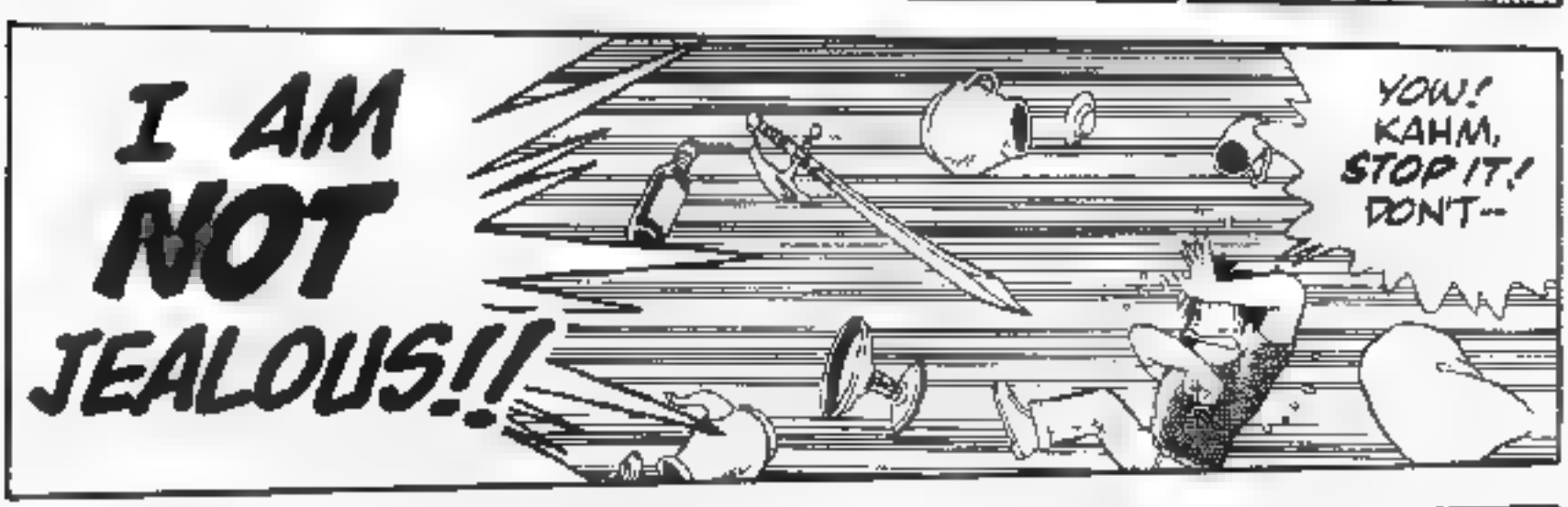
SO SHE'S GOING TO LEECH OFF US AFTER ALL!
TH.S S OUTRAGEOUS!
HMPH!! WELL F YOU EXPECT ME TO EAT N THE SAME ROOM WITH HER YOU CAN -

KAHM. FOR GOD'S SAKE-- WHAT ARE YOU SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
RRGGHH!!
HMPH!!
RRRR!!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? SHE COULD BE HANDY TO HAVE AROUND.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HMMm?
=ERK=

AHA! NOW I GET IT! YOU'RE JEALOUS, AREN'T YOU?!
AM NOT !!
YEAH NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET!
I SAID I'M NOT JEALOUS!
AW C'MON! YOU CAN ADMIT IT!
I THINK IT'S KINDA CUTE ACTUALLY.. THERE'S STILL A BIT OF LITTLE GIRL LEFT IN YOU--


I AM NOT JEALOUS!!
YOW! KAHM, STOP IT! DON'T--

WHOP

I'M SORRY.. THIS IS THE ONLY ROOM LEFT
THAT'S OKAY. REALLY!
IT'S THE BEST A STOWAWAY COULD HOPE FOR!

WELL. THEN-- GOOD N GHT
SURE.. G'NIGHT.
HEH HEH.
I ACTUALLY PULLED IT OFF!

KAHM.. YOU DONT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHY I STOWED AWAY DO YOU?
I'M NOT HERE TO BREAK UP YOU AND LOVER BOY I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO.. YEAH THAT'S RIGHT--

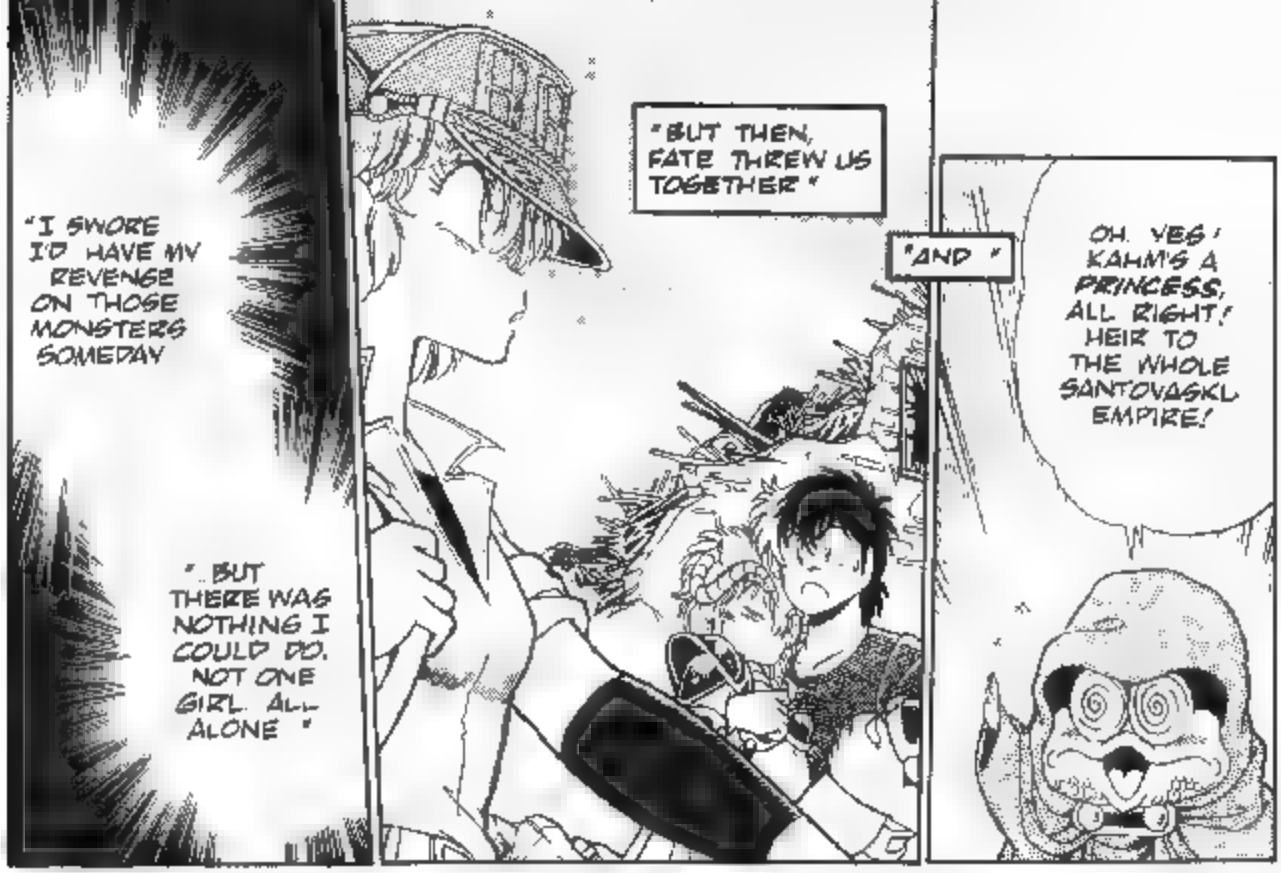
I'VE COME FOR YOU!

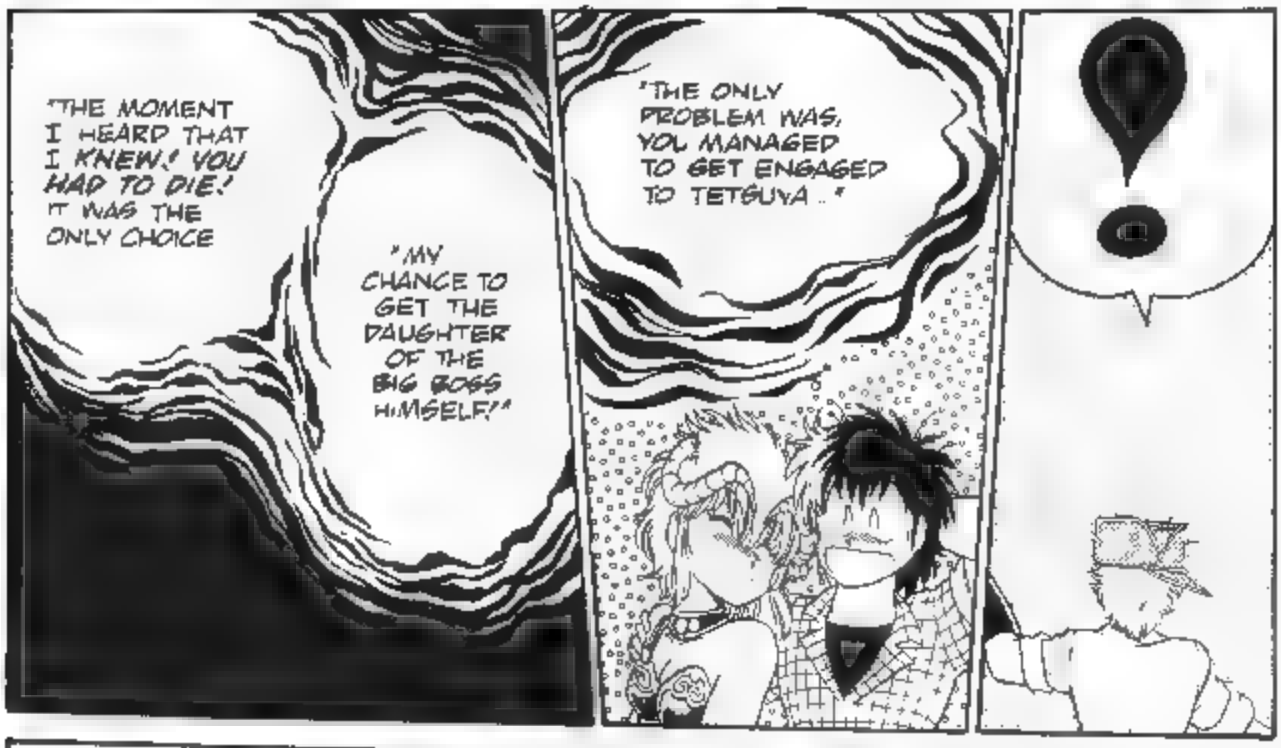
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE. KAHM...

...MISS CROWN PRINCESS OF THE SANTOVASKU EMPIRE!

I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOUR PEOPLE DID...

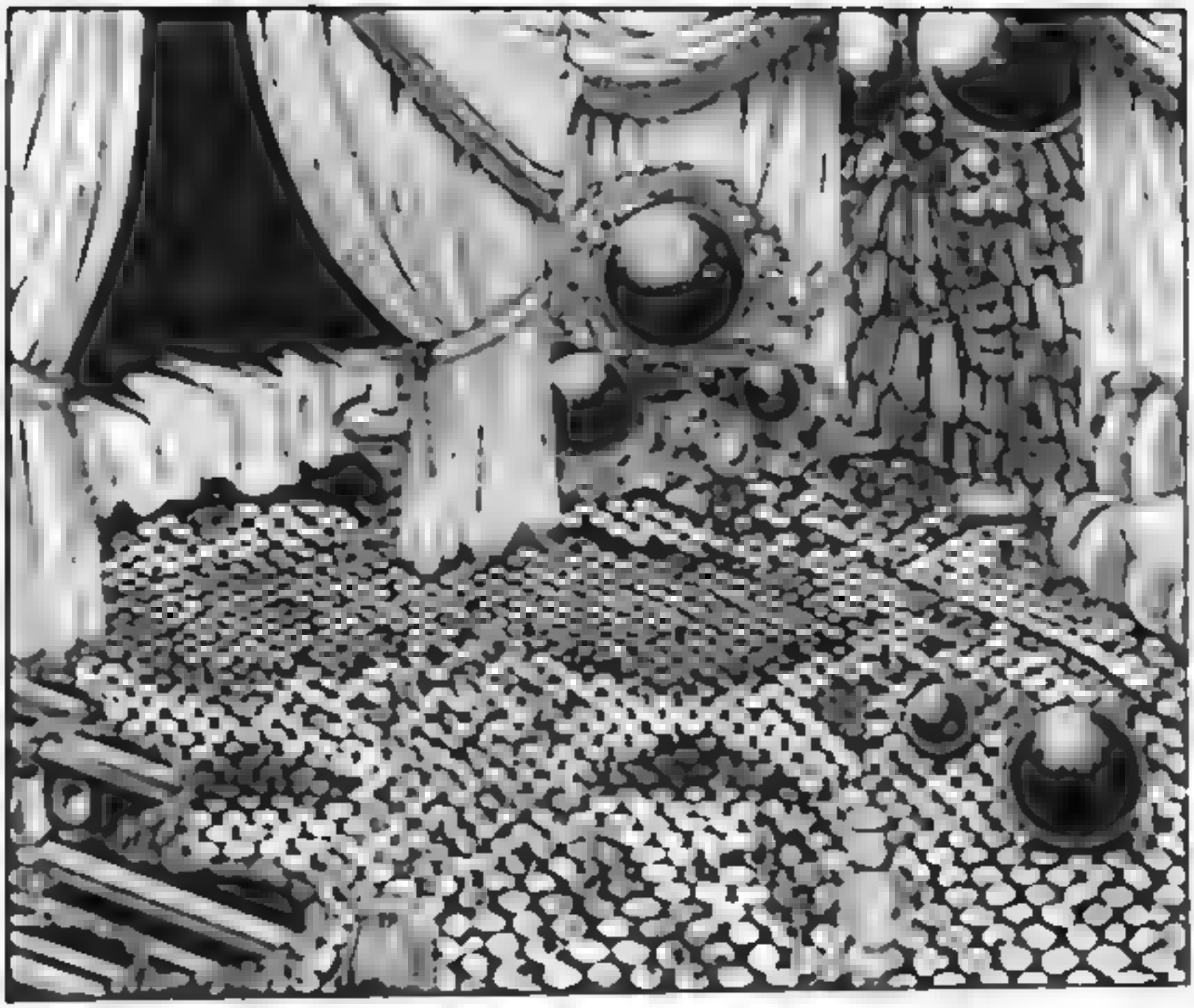
"...ON THAT DAY"


"I SWORE I'D HAVE MY REVENGE ON THOSE MONSTERS SOMEDAY
"..BUT THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO. NOT ONE GIRL. ALL ALONE "
"BUT THEN, FATE THREW US TOGETHER "
"AND "
OH. YES! KAHM'S A PRINCESS, ALL RIGHT! HEIR TO THE WHOLE SANTOVASKU EMPIRE!


"THE MOMENT I HEARD THAT I KNEW! YOU HAD TO DIE! IT WAS THE ONLY CHOICE
"MY CHANCE TO GET THE DAUGHTER OF THE BIG BOSS HIMSELF!"
"THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS, YOU MANAGED TO GET ENGAGED TO TETSUYA .."
!

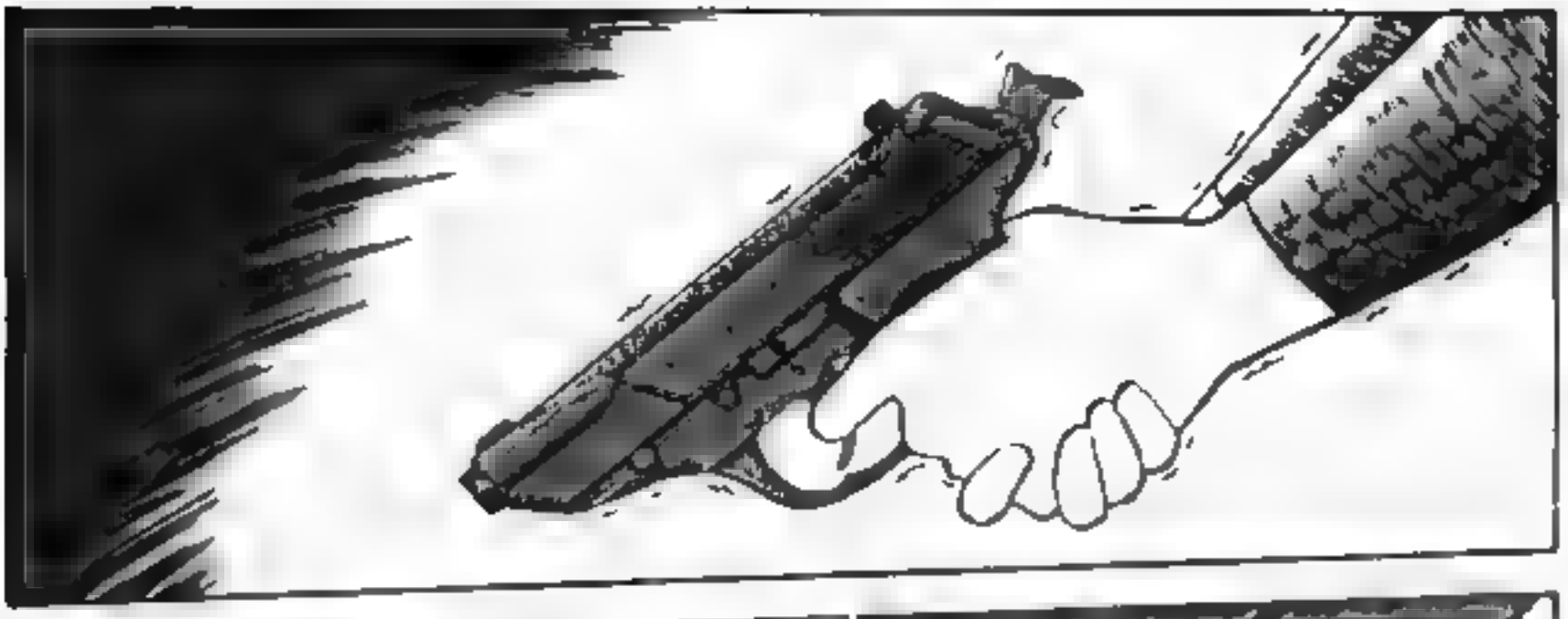
MY GOD! WHAT IF THEY'RE UH. "ENGAGED" IN YOU-KNOW-WHAT RIGHT NOW?!
AND IF THEY ARE WHAT SHOULD I DO? HOW EMBARRASSING!

Gulp!

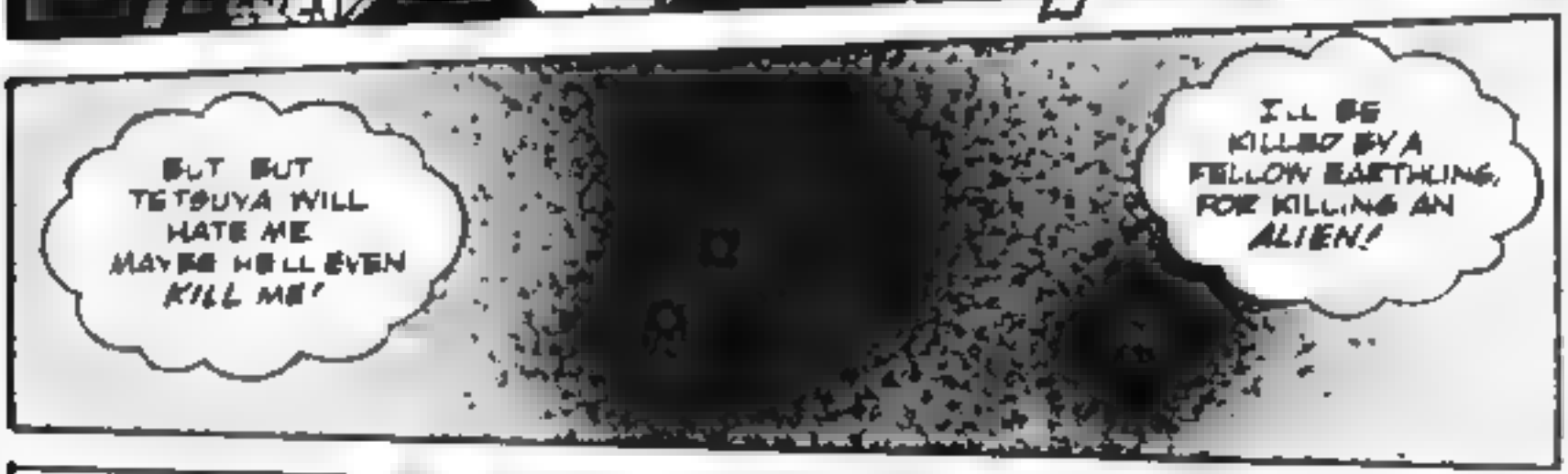


GEE.. JUST LOOK AT TETSUYA'S FACE
OH, HO! I GET IT-- THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING!
WELL NO MORE LOVER'S QUARRELS FOR YOU, GIRL!
KCHAK

TETSUYA..
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL?
TO BE CONTINUED..



YOU IDIOT!
DON'T CHICKEN OUT NOW!


BUT BUT TETSUYA WILL HATE ME MAYBE HE'LL EVEN KILL ME!
I'LL BE KILLED BY A FELLOW EARTHLING, FOR KILLING AN ALIEN!

MOMMA, HELP ME!

FSST
WHA-?!
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ?!
WHOOSH
I DUNNO WHAT'S GOING ON BUT.
..I'M GETTIN' OUT OF HERE.!

TETSUYA? WAS THAT YOU?

F...
FATHER
!!

EH ?!
"DADDY" ? YOU MEAN THAT'S--

-THAT'S THE EMPEROR OF THE WHOLE GALAXY?!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE KAHM
I SEE THAT YOU ARE STILL WILLING TO CALL ME FATHER

DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS HERE?! HOW DARE YOU COME BARGING INTO MY ROOM LIKE THIS!
I JUST WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH YOU, DAUGHTER

JUST A TALK ?

STOP BEING SO OBSTINATE, CHILD
COME BACK TO ME.
DON'T BRING YOUR FATHER ANY MORE PAIN

HUH! I WONDERED WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY.
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR THAT ?!

WELL FORGET IT!
KAHM !

I WON'T GO HOME UNTIL YOU STOP ATTACKING THE EARTH AND LET ME MARRY TETSUYA.

....
....
DO YOU REALLY CARE FOR THIS BOY SO MUCH ?

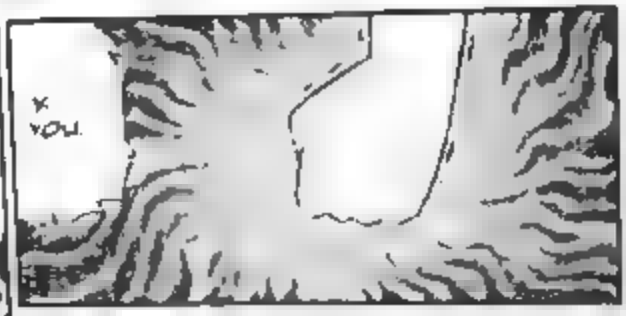
WHAT?! OF COURSE I DO !
I INTEND TO MARRY HIM, DON'T IT
WE'RE GOING TO BE TOGETHER FOREVER!

FOREVER.

OH, DADDY! PLEASE GIVE US YOUR BLESSING!
PLEASE PLEASE PRETTY PLEASE !!

NEVER!
THAT I CAN NEVER PERMIT!!

I AM YOUR FATHER! BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I AM EMPEROR OF THE GANTOWASKU!
EVEN WERE I TO PERMIT THIS MARRIAGE AS YOUR FATHER AS THE EMPEROR IT IS SOMETHING I CANNOT DO!!


YOU

YOU KNOW NOTHING!!

GRZNXX

DOWN! RISE UP YOU SLUG!
HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
FMP
FMP
FMP
HEY HEY WHAT THE HELL? I THOUGHT I ALREADY APOLOGIZED FOR YESTERDAY--
IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT! LOOK OVER THERE!
WHA-?! WHO?! HE-- YEEOW !!
CALM DOWN, YOU GOOF !

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YOUNG EARTHLING...

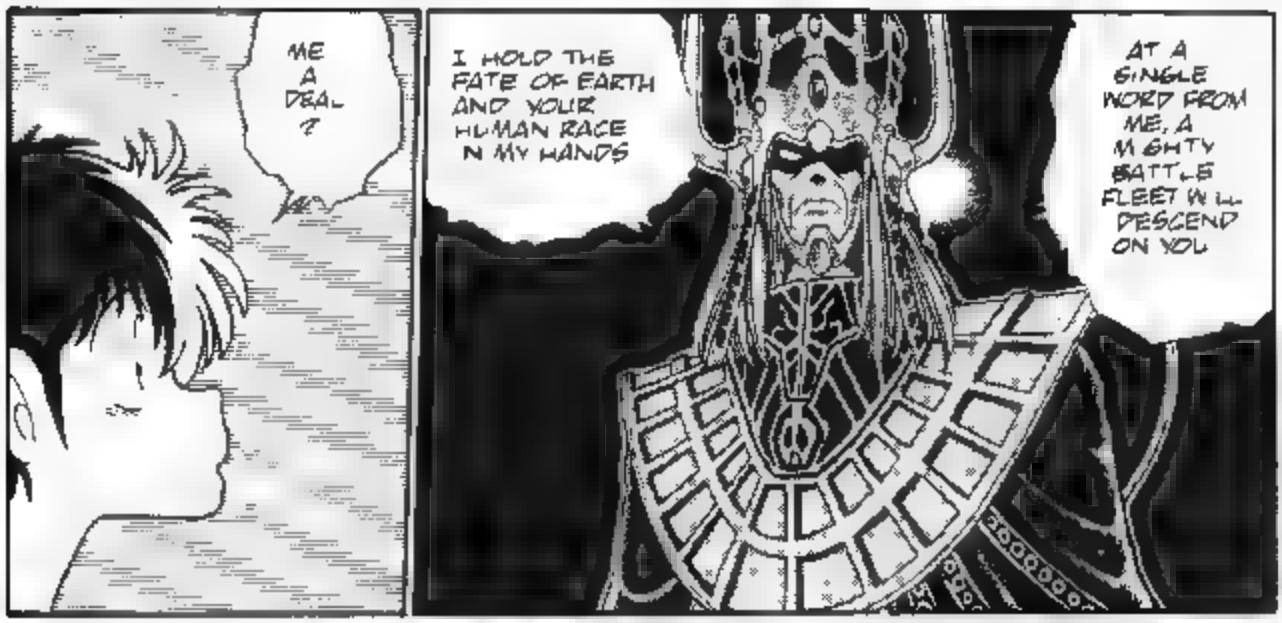
YEAH, NO KIDDIN HEH SO HOW'S TRICKS?
IDIOT !!

Pssst! HEY KAKM-- THIS A HOLOGRAM OR SOMETHING?
UH UH
HE'S FOR REAL!

N-NO KIDDING?! HOW THE HELL CAN HE DO THAT?!
CAUSE HE'S THE EMPEROR OKAY?! WORRY ABOUT IT LATER!

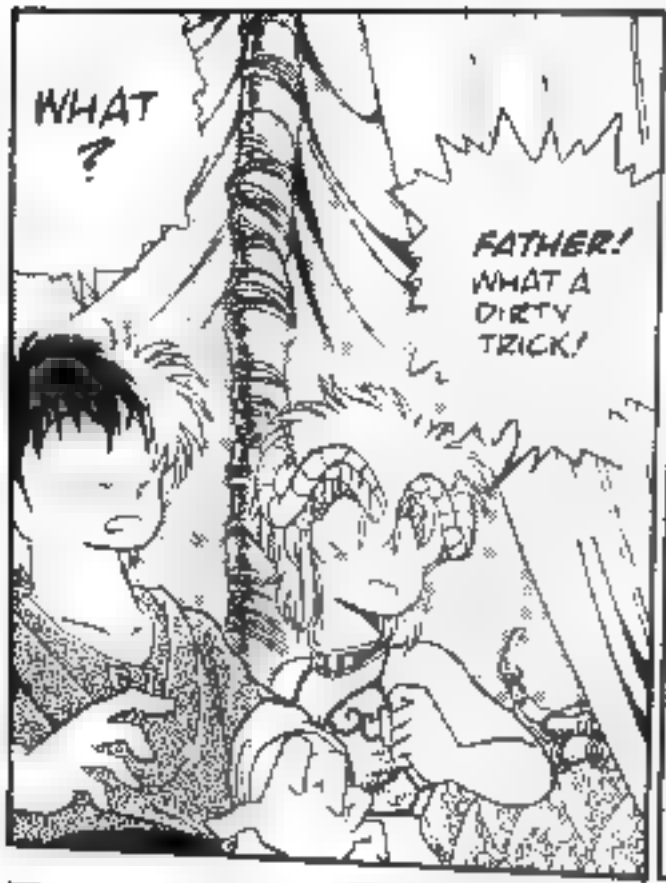
YOUNG MAN OF EARTH.

WILL YOU STRIKE A DEAL WITH ME?
HUH?


ME A DEAL ?
I HOLD THE FATE OF EARTH AND YOUR HUMAN RACE IN MY HANDS
AT A SINGLE WORD FROM ME, A MIGHTY BATTLE FLEET WILL DESCEND ON YOU

ALL YOU TREASURE WILL BE DESTROYED IN A SAVAGE INSTANT
NOT ONE OF YOU SHALL BE LEFT ALIVE !
H-HAH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU THINK WE'LL JUST LET YOU--

BUT IF YOU BID FAREWELL TO KAHM
IF YOU FREE HER TO RETURN TO MY SIDE
...THEN I SHALL SPARE THE EARTH !


WHAT ?
FATHER! WHAT A DIRTY TRICK!

YOU TH NK HE S GONNA GO FOR THAT?! YOU DUMB OLD MONSTER!

YOUR FATHER QUEVAS CARES NOT WHAT HIS DAUGHTER CALLS H M
. F ONLY SHE RETURNS TO HIS SIDE

WELL, NO ONE S GONNA GO FOR YOUR STUPID OLD DEAL!
TIME FOR OLD FOG ES LIKE YOU TO GO HOME AND GO TO BED!!

EMPEROR WOULD YOU REALLY KEEP YOUR WORD ?

TETSUYA !

TETSUYA WAIT! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
KAHM! PLEASE BE QUIET!
WELL EMPEROR QUEVADO! WILL YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISE?
TETSUYA!!

I HAVE MY PRIDE AS EMPEROR AND RULER OF THE GALAXY!
MY WORD IS GOOD!

THE FATE OF THE EARTH HANGS ON YOUR ANSWER BOY!
CONSIDER WELL!
TETSUYA
KAHM I
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?!

NO WAY!!
HMM ?
TETSUYA, DON'T YOU DARE ACCEPT THAT DEAL, YOU HEAR ME ?!
NO WAY, I TELL YOU! NO NO NO !!!
ABSOLUTELY NO!!!!

RAISA?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE ?!
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS, TETSUYA! YOU JUST KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT!

I'M REALLY PISSED OFF AT THIS GUY!!

HEY, YOU!! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY ?!

TO TETSUYA, KAHM AND THE EARTH ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT! THEY'RE EQUAL, YOU HEAR ME!
HOW DARE YOU FORCE HIM TO CHOOSE! HOW CAN YOU SINK SO LOW ?!
IS THAT ANY WAY FOR A FATHER TO BEHAVE ?!

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT HER, STOP BABBLING ABOUT YOUR STUPID EMPIRE AND THINK ABOUT HER HAPPINESS FOR A CHANGE!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THIS THAT SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME IN THE FIRST PLACE!!

SILENCE, INSECT!

UH, OH!
RAISA!!
EEK!
FLAK

TET-TETSUYA!
TETSUYA! SPEAK TO ME!
TETSUYA!
HE LIVES STILL IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A WARNING
BUT LISTEN WELL KAHN! IF YOU STILL REFUSE ME THEN I SHALL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE HIS LIFE ONCE AND FOR ALL
FATHER!!

RAISA! TAKE TETSUYA AND GET OUT OF HERE!
HUH ?
BUT BUT KAHM
JUST DO AS I SAY! GET OUT !!

NO! THEY STAY!

HNNK !

DAMN YOU FATHER !!

BMBMBMB
THINK IT
BMBMBMB
WHA-
?!
MR. TETSUYA
!?

HERE! YOU'D BETTER TAKE TH S!

HUH ?

HURRY UP!

KAHM'S PRETTY TOUGH, SO SHES PROBABLY OKAY BUT JUST IN CASE--!

WELL ER UMM, WHAT IS THIS THING ?

? ? ? ?

IT'S A PISTOL! A HANDGUN! A WEAPON!!

GYAAH!!

BLAM

WOULD YOU FOR GOD'S SAKE HURRY UP !!

WHAMP
KAHM YOUR POWERS CANNOT DEFEAT ME!
NO MORE THAN YOUR RAGTAG REBELS CAN DEFEAT THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
ALL THAT AWAITS YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS IS DEATH
AND YET YOU STILL SAY YOU WILL FIGHT ME?
WHY, DADDY?!
WHY WON'T YOU LET US LOVE EACH OTHER?!
WHY DO YOU HATE TETSUYA SO MUCH?!
KAHM. I AM THE EMPEROR
I AM THE LAW OF THE UNIVERSE I AM ORDER

THE DAUGHTER OF THE EMPEROR OF THE GALAXY MARRYING AN INSIGNIFICANT ENEMY

HOW CAN *LAW* ACCEPT SUCH *CHAOS?*

TO DO SO WOULD MEAN THE COLLAPSE OF ALL THE COLLAPSE OF *ORDER* ITSELF

MY DAUGHTER PLEASE COME HOME WITH ME LET US TALK TOGETHER AS WE RELAX IN THE GREAT HALL--

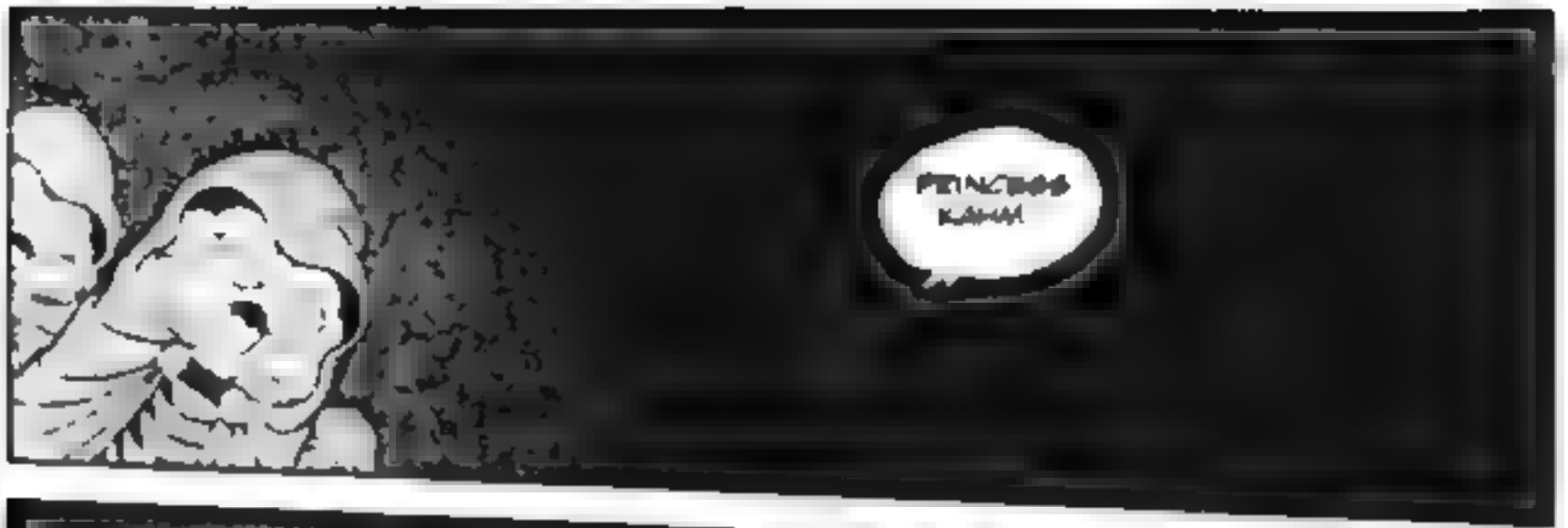
I *WON'T!* IT'S ALL *LIES*, JUST A *PACK* OF *LIES!!*

I *WILL* MARRY TETSUYA! I *WILL!*

AND I'LL PROTECT TETSUYA'S PLANET TOO! HIS *HOME!*

KAHM!!

JUST GO AWAY!


PRINCESS KAHM

DADDY'S SO STUPID !

TETSUYA! YOU GONNA BE THERE ALL DAY?
HEY! WAKE UP WILL YOU !?
.....
.....
.....

WHY NOT

...HHH...

KAHM

HMPH !

THUD

HENK !

OW..

OWW..

HUH ?

RA SA ?

HMPH !!

TETSUYA!
TETSUYA!
KAHM!!
WAA
AHHH!!
:sniff:
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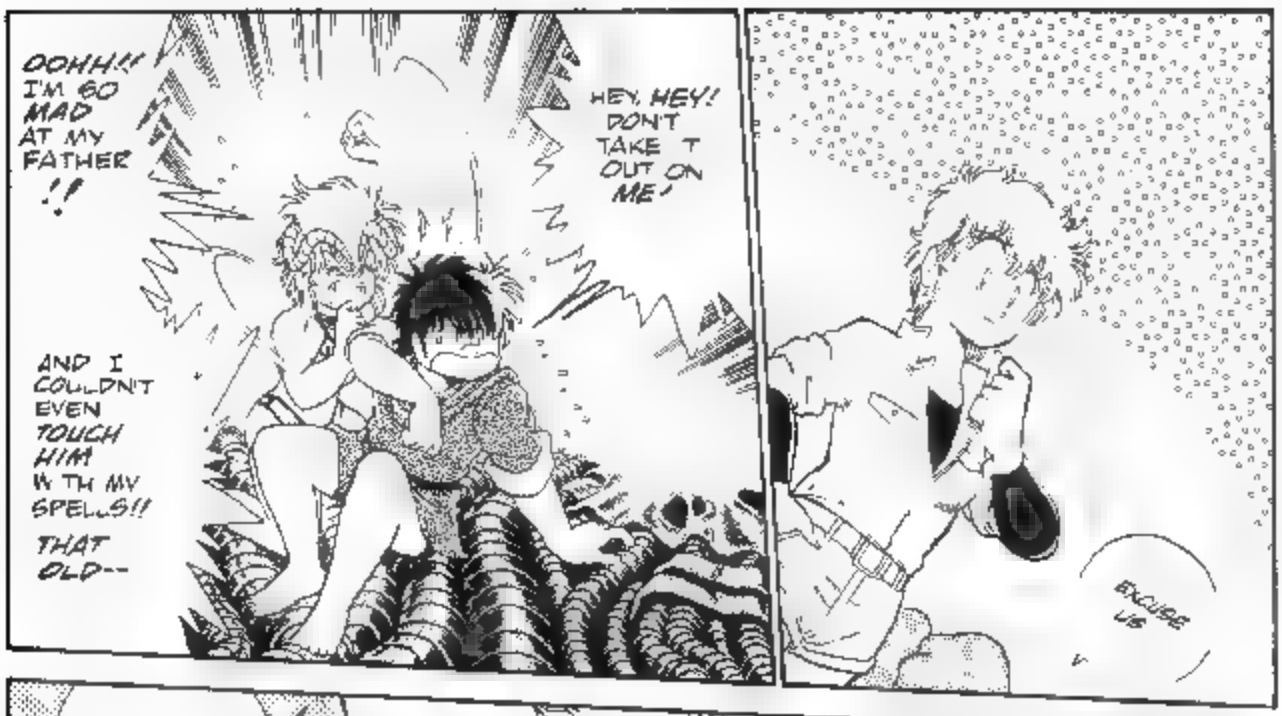
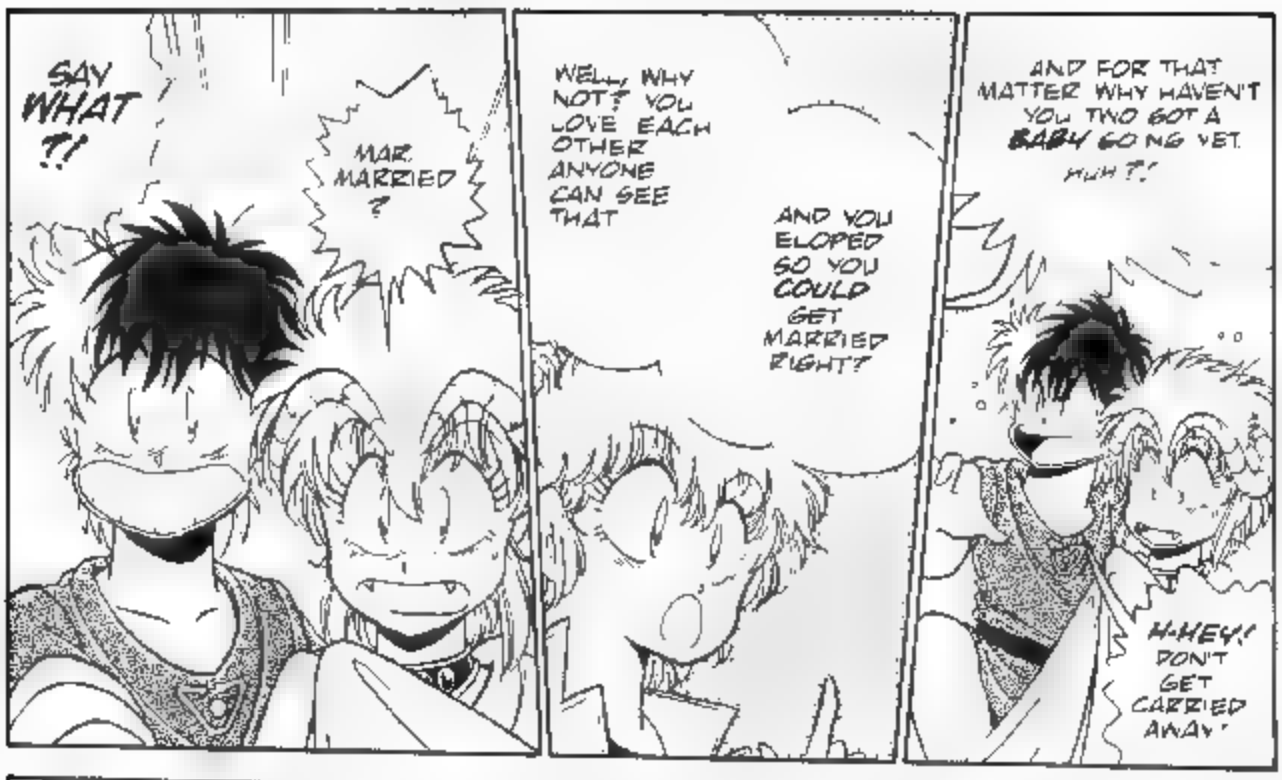
I IM SURE GLAD YOU RE OKAY KAHM

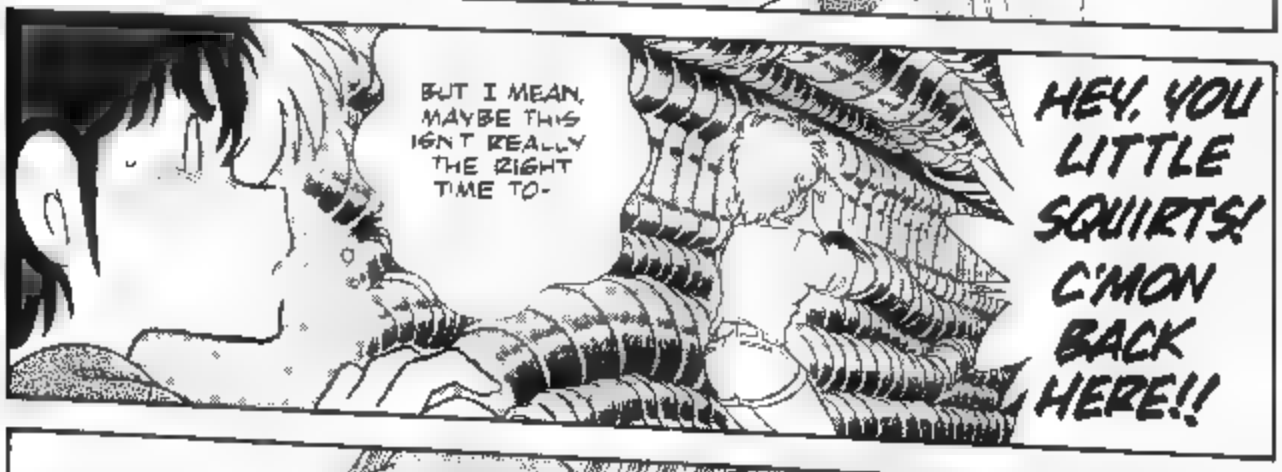

OOHH!! I'M SO MAD AT MY FATHER !!
HEY, HEY! DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON ME!
AND I COULDN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM WITH MY SPELLS!!
THAT OLD--
EXCUSE US

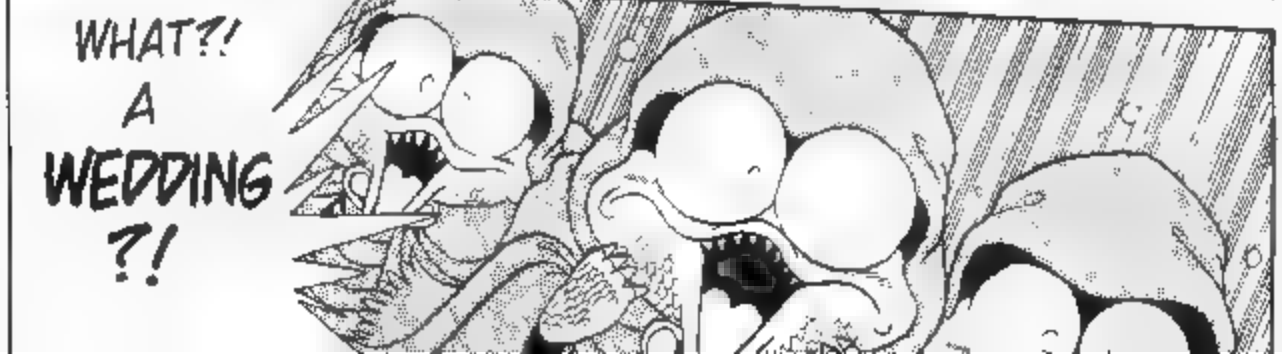
HEY YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS

HURRY UP AND GET MARRIED, OKAY ?!


SAY WHAT ?!
MAR. MARRIED ?
WELL, WHY NOT? YOU LOVE EACH OTHER ANYONE CAN SEE THAT
AND YOU ELOPED SO YOU COULD GET MARRIED RIGHT?
AND FOR THAT MATTER WHY HAVEN'T YOU TWO GOT A BABY GOING YET. HUH ?!
H-HEY! DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF THE EMPEROR WON'T GIVE YOU PERMISSION ?
JUST GET MARRIED ANYWAY DEFEAT THE IMPERIAL FLEET AND THEN YOU CAN RELAX RIGHT?
UH YEAH I GUESS WE COULD HMMM


BUT I MEAN, MAYBE THIS ISN'T REALLY THE RIGHT TIME TO-
HEY, YOU LITTLE SQUIRTS! C'MON BACK HERE!!


WHAT?! A WEDDING ?!

YOU HEARD ME! LET'S HAVE A REAL BLOWOUT!

AHH, WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING AND WONDERING OURSELVES

THIS IS JOYOUS NEWS INDEED!

OH DEAR OH DEAR WHAT TO DO NEXT? CAN WE GET THE WEDDING DRESS READY IN TIME? AND MY GOODNESS THE COOKING.

NO PROB!

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE'LL BE READY IN NO TIME!

OF COURSE, THE DRESS SHOULD BE IN BASIC WHITE

YOU THINK WE'RE REALLY NEEDED HERE, KAHM?

WHO'S GOING TO GIVE AWAY THE BRIDE?

IS THERE ENOUGH FOOD IN THE STORAGE ROOMS?

A WEDDING?! ALL RIGHT!

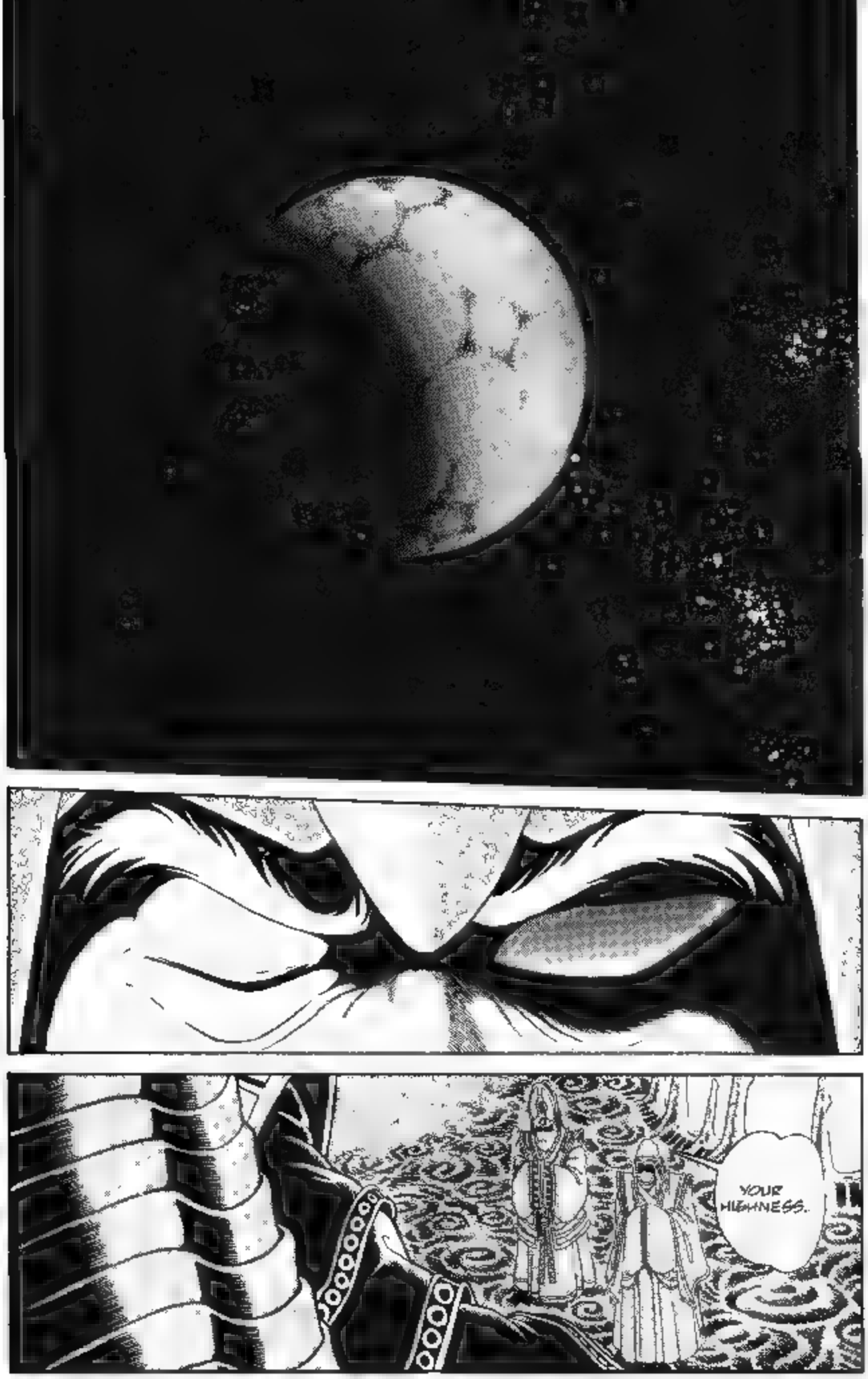
NO SHIT HUH? NOTHIN LIKE A WEDDING FOR A DECENT PARTY - HAW!

A WEDDING INVITATION?

FWMP
WHEW

I'M SUCH A PUSHOVER. I CAN'T STAND IT

STILL, HOW COULD I NOT HELP THEM OUT AFTER SEEING HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT EACH OTHER. Hmm ?
I.. I JUST WANT TETSUYA TO BE HAPPY..


YOUR HIGHNESS.

SHE'S AN OBSTINATE ONE THAT GIRL SHE CHALLENGED ME TO BATTLE! HER OWN FATHER!

NO IT'S TOO LATE SHE HAS MADE UP HER MIND AND LOCKED AWAY HER HEART

BUT YOUR HIGHNESS, SURELY--

THAT GIRL! SHE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE AFTER MY BAD SIDE!

....
....

YOUR HIGHNESS, THERE IS STILL TIME!

I BEG YOU NOT TO GIVE UP ON HER!

ENOUGH, BISHOP.

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED!

BERUFA! ORGANIZE A PUNITIVE STRIKE FLEET IMMEDIATELY!

YOUR HIGHNESS.

THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE
THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP UNDER GENERAL GERULH HAS ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED INTO STRIKE FORMATION
THEY WAIT IMPATIENTLY FOR YOUR HIGHNESS'S GLORIOUS ORDERS

YOU HAVE ANTICIPATED MY MOVES VERY CLEVERLY GERUFA
WERE YOU REALLY SO CONFIDENT I WOULD TURN ON MY OWN DAUGHTER ?
NO! I MEAN OF COURSE NOT MY LORD
I I JUST THOUGHT I SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL CONTINGENCIES.
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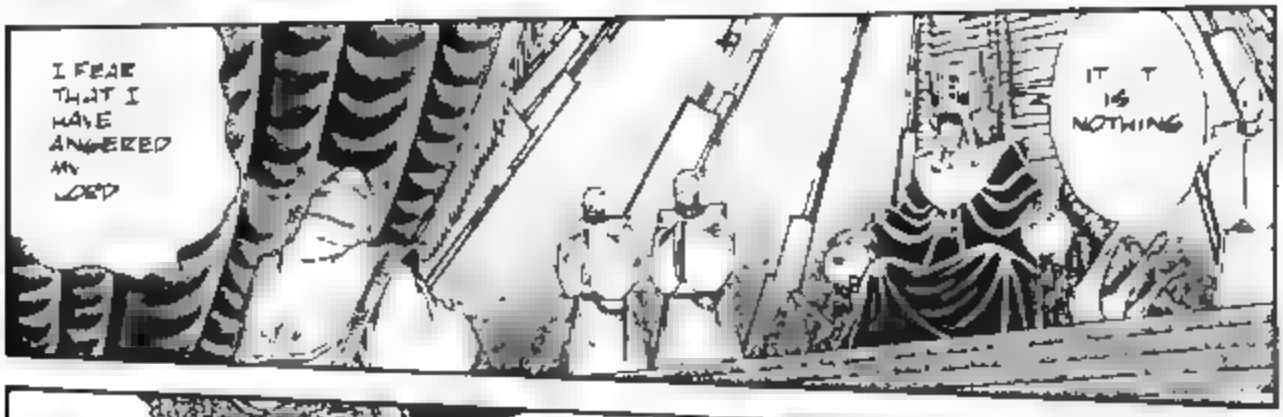

I FEAR THAT I HAVE ANGERED MY LORD
IT IS NOTHING

GENERAL GERULH !
BEFORE YOU DEPART FOR THE FRONT PLEDGE VICTORY BEFORE OUR LORD THE EMPEROR!
YES SIR !

I PLEDGE MY UNDYING LOYALTY TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS QUEVAS THE 18TH EMPEROR OF THE ALMIGHTY SANTOVASKU LORD OF THE GALACTIC EMPIRE!

I SWEAR IN THE NAME OF THE DIETY AS A FEARLESS WARRIOR OF THE EMPIRE TO SURRENDER MY LIFE IF NEEDED IN HONOR OF THIS PLEDGE!

I PHOM GERENTE GERULHI COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP DO SO SOLEMNLY SWEAR!

VERY WELL

THE EMPIRE EXPECTS OF ITS WARRIORS ONLY VICTORY--OR IGNOMINIOUS DEATH!

I ANTICIPATE YOUR TRIUMPHANT RETURN!

MY LORD!

Y YOUR HIGHNESS!

SURELY YOU DO NOT MEAN TO ATTACK THE SACRED PLANET?! FOR GENERATIONS WE HAVE LEFT IT UNTOUCHED--

THE EMPIRE NO LONGER NEEDS A "SACRED PLANET" HIGH PRIEST

"THAT PLANET MAY HAVE BEEN THE BIRTHPLACE OF OUR DISTANT FOREFATHERS. BUT NOW IT IS NO MORE THAN A RELIC OF OUR PAST ERRORS.

"I CONTROL AN EMPIRE THAT REIGNS OVER ALL THE GALAXY! I HAVE NO NEED FOR WEAK-WILLED SENTIMENTALITY!"

HEAR ME, GENERAL! VICTORY MEANS TOTAL DESTRUCTION! SLAUGHTER THE REBELS TO THE LAST MAN!

AND AFTER YOU HAVE DISPOSED OF THIS PATHETIC REBELLION.

...DESTROY THE ROOT CAUSE OF THIS DISTURBANCE, THE SACRED PLANET ITSELF!!

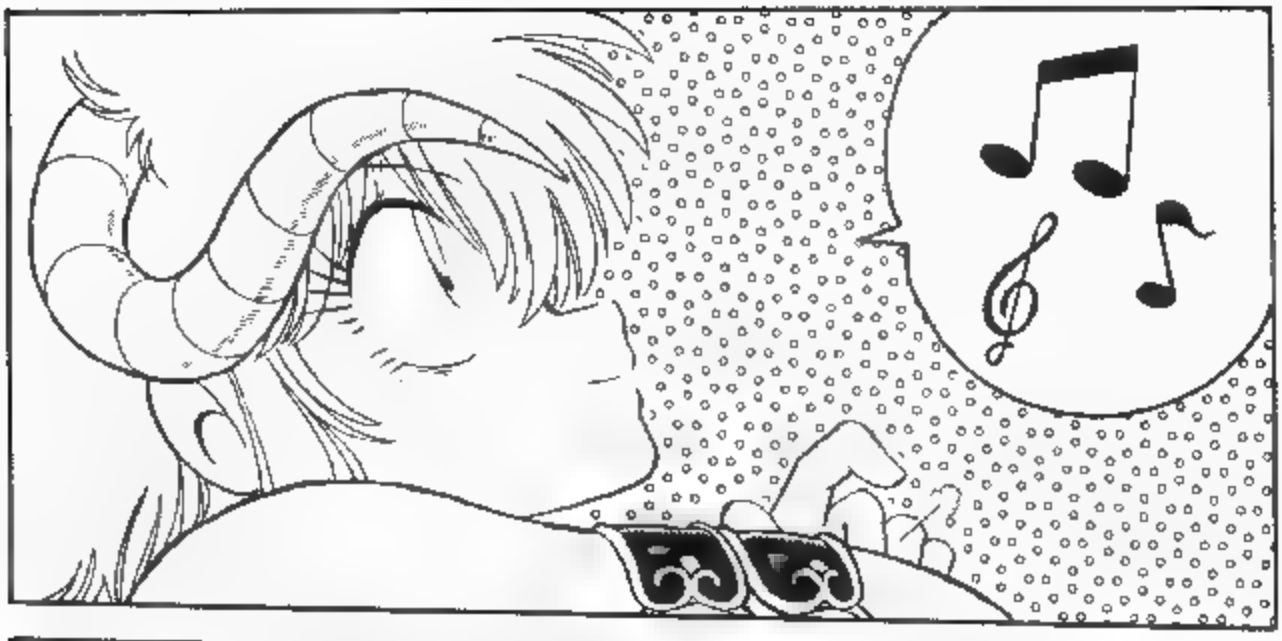
AND THEN I WANT THAT ENTIRE SECTOR OF SPACE ANNIHILATED!

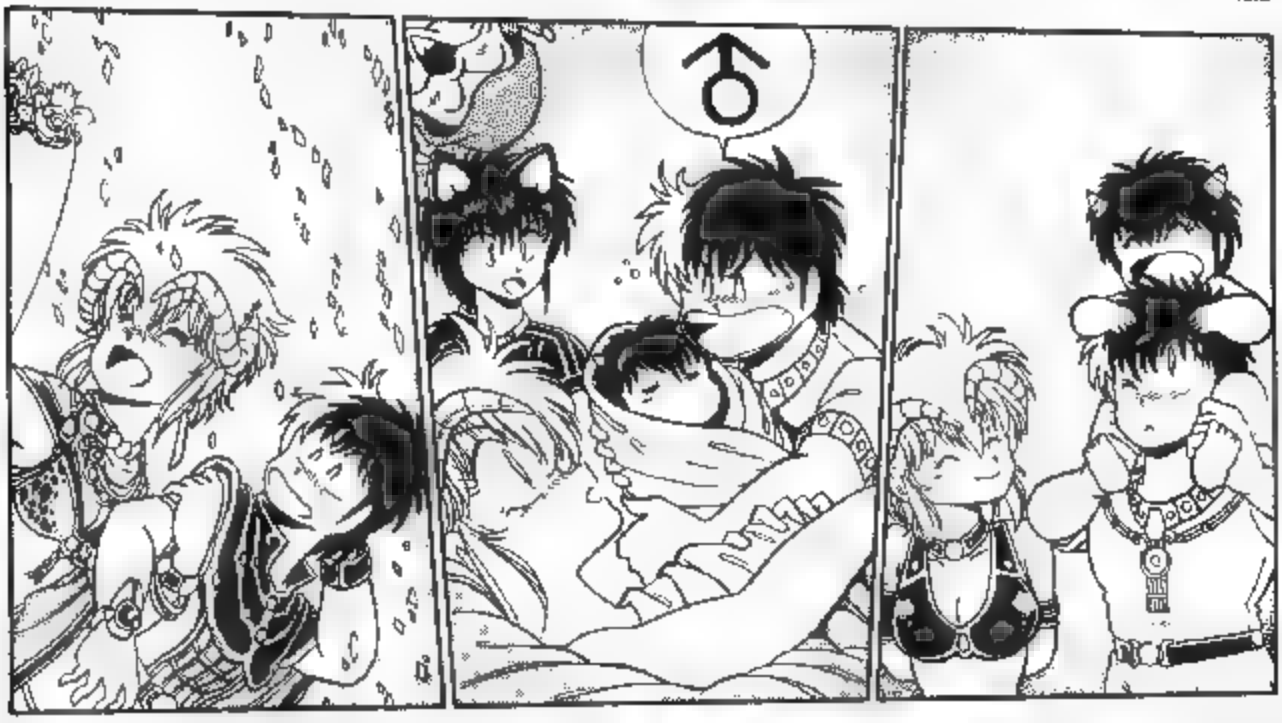
ERASED FROM OUR EMPIRE FOREVER!!

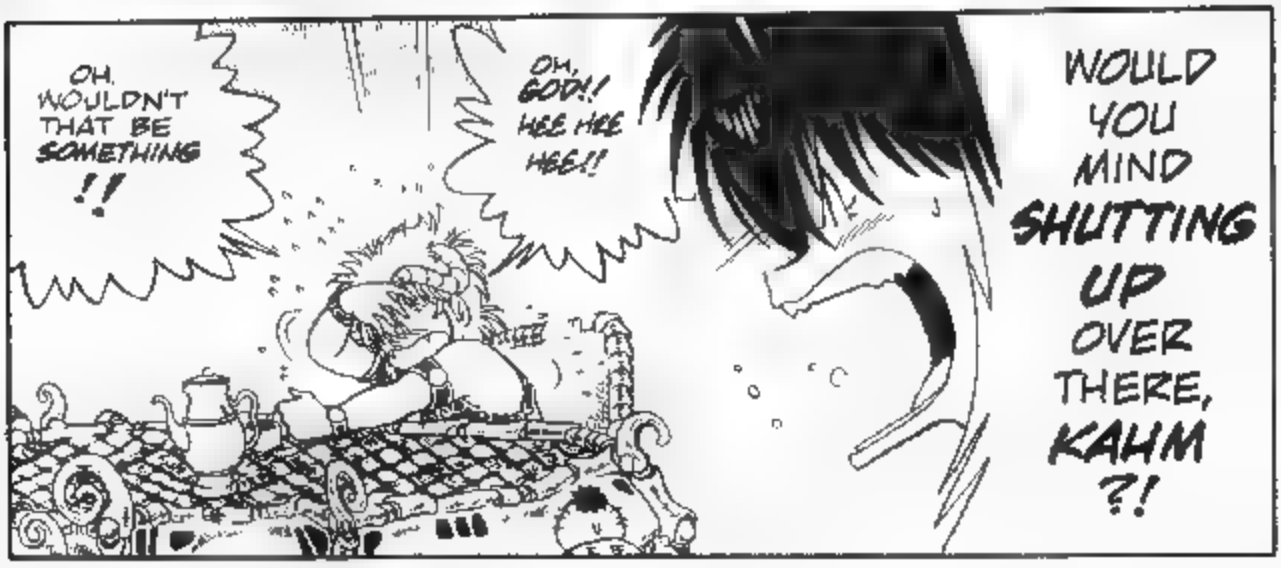
VVN
VVN
VVN
TO BE CONTINUED !

WE'VE BEEN SENDING MEGATRONS INTO THE CORE OF THE EMPIRE EVERY DAY, TRYING TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE

OF COURSE. MOST OF THEM GET PICKED OFF ENROUTE. NONETHELESS...



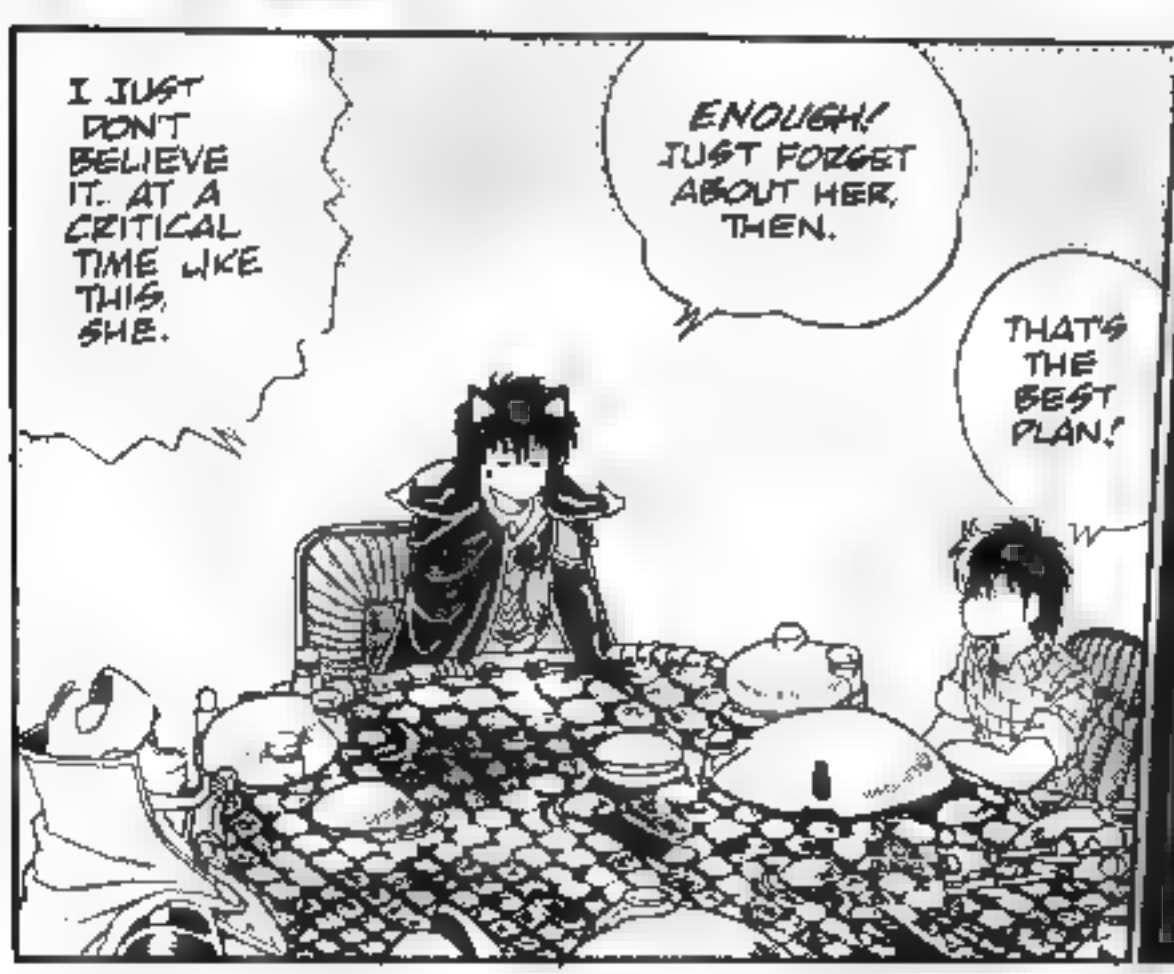



OH, WOULDN'T THAT BE SOMETHING !!
OH, GOD!! HEE HEE HEE!!
WOULD YOU MIND SHUTTING UP OVER THERE, KAHM ?!

ALL RIGHT, YOU! JUST WHAT IS SO DAMN FUNNY ?!
WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DO OTHER THAN JUST PREPARING FOR YOUR STUPID WEDDING, YOU KNOW!
BAM

Ha Ha Ha! BATTIA'S JEALOUS !!
AW, TO HELL WITH IT-- SHE'S A TOTAL LOSS..

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, TETSUYA! DO SOMETHING !
SORRY SHE'S TOO FAR GONE FOR ME, TOO!

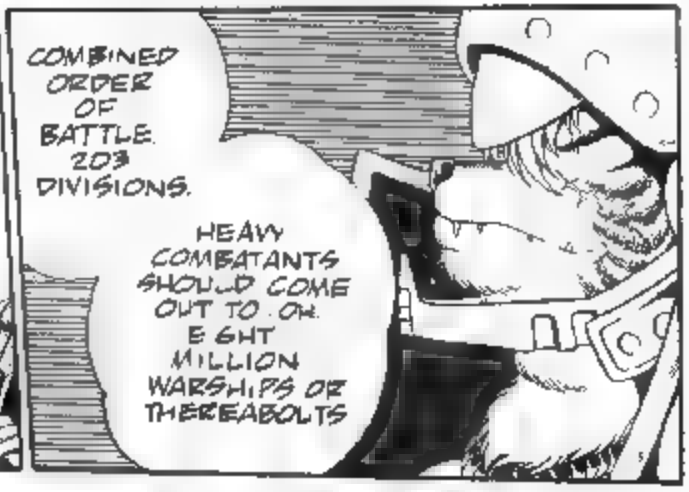

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT. AT A CRITICAL TIME LIKE THIS, SHE.
ENOUGH! JUST FORGET ABOUT HER, THEN.
THAT'S THE BEST PLAN!

SO, TO CONTINUE..
ONE OF OUR SHIPS FINALLY DID PENETRATE DEEP INTO IMPERIAL TERRITORY

BEFORE WE LOST THEM, THEY MANAGED TO GET OFF A BURST TRANSMISSION.
I'M AFRAID IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING UP AGAINST THE ENTIRE 6TH ARMY GROUP
THE BIG SIX, EH...?

I'M AFRAID SO.
ALL THE 6TH ARMY GROUP FLEET UNITS STATIONED IN THE BALVAS SYSTEM HAVE STARTED TO REDEPLOY
FLAGSHIP QUAIZA HAS LEFT ITS STATION NEAR THE IMPERIAL PLANET CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

WHO'S THIS "6TH ARMY GROUP"...?
IT'S A LEVEL-ONE ARMORED BATTLE GROUP, LED BY GENERAL GERULH!


COMBINED ORDER OF BATTLE. 203 DIVISIONS.
HEAVY COMBATANTS SHOULD COME OUT TO OR EIGHT MILLION WARSHIPS OR THEREABOUTS

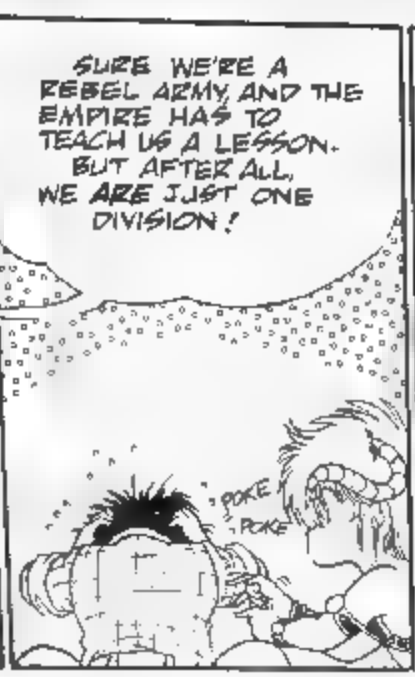
EIGHT--
EIGHT MILLION ?!?

O OKAY THEN HOW ABOUT US? HOW MANY SHIPS WE GOT?
ALLIES, TOO?

HOW ABOUT IT, GARI? IF WE ADD IN ALL THE AUXILIARY UNITS, SHOULD BE 12, RIGHT?
12, BOSS.

GHAAA...
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE KID? LOOKS A LITTLE GREEN AROUND THE GILLS, ALL OF A SUDDEN...
NOW, GEORALDI— WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? WE ARE OUTNUMBERED JUST A BIT, YOU KNOW!

ACTUALLY IT IS A BIT STRANGE


SURE WE'RE A REBEL ARMY, AND THE EMPIRE HAS TO TEACH US A LESSON. BUT AFTER ALL, WE ARE JUST ONE DIVISION!
POKE
POKE

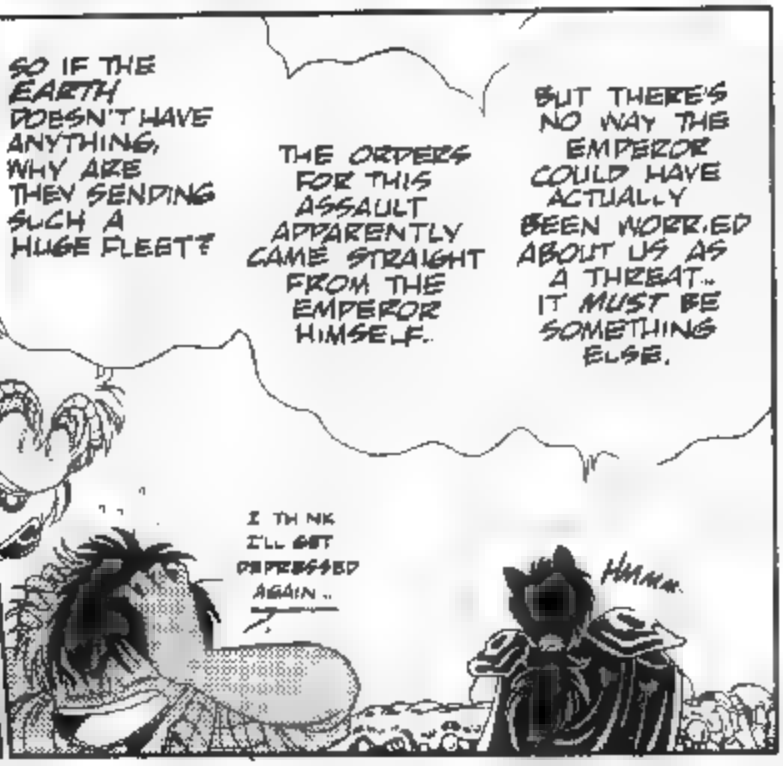
SO WHY ALL THE FIREPOWER? I MEAN, EVEN ALLOWING FOR A SAFETY MARGIN...
...THE RATIO IS WAY OUT OF LINE! IT'S DOWNRIGHT ABSURD. IN FACT

HAW HAW HAW
HEY, IT JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT BADASS MOTHERS WE ARE!! WE GOT THE EMPIRE SCARED OUTTA THEIR SHORTS!!
DO YOU REALLY HAVE AS MUCH AS TWO BRAIN CELLS OR DID I OVERCOUNT..?

TELL ME, TETSUYA DOES EARTH HAVE ANY MILITARY CAPABILITY AT ALL?
MILITARY CAPABILITY..?
QUIT YOUR CRINGING!

I FOUGHT ONE OF YOUR SPACESHIPS ONCE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BUT I MEAN REAL FIREPOWER. DO YOU HAVE ANY MAJOR WARSHIPS, BATTLE CRUISERS, ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING--US?
IF WE DID, YOU THINK I'D BE SO DEPRESSED?
SORRY I ASKED..


SO IF THE EARTH DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING, WHY ARE THEY SENDING SUCH A HUGE FLEET?
THE ORDERS FOR THIS ASSAULT APPARENTLY CAME STRAIGHT FROM THE EMPEROR HIMSELF.
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THE EMPEROR COULD HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN WORRIED ABOUT US AS A THREAT.. IT MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE.
I THINK I'LL GET DEPRESSED AGAIN..
HMMM.

TETSUYA... YOU JUST SAID A MINUTE AGO THAT EARTH WEAPONS ARE NO GOOD, MMM?
ER... YEAH... SO ?

BUT SOMETHING HIT US HARD!
TEN OF OUR BATTLESHIPS WERE DESTROYED BY A GIGANTIC ENERGY WAVE DOWN ON EARTH! TEN OF THEM AT ONCE!

AN ENERGY WAVE ?
YOU MEAN A TIDAL WAVE OR SOMETHING ?
NOT THIS OLD STORY AGAIN !
THIS IS NO JOKE, GEOBALDI! TEN SHIPS!
I MEANT TO BRING IT UP AT THE PEACE TALKS..
BUT IF IT IS SOME KIND OF SECRET WEAPON, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TOLD US ABOUT IT ANYWAY.

THEY DON'T TRUST US AS FAR AS THEY COULD THROW THE MOON..

THEY DON'T..?

BUT DAMMIT, THE QUESTION IS STILL THERE-- WHY SO MANY SHIPS?

THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME SERIOUS LOOKING INTO TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND IT.

"BEHIND IT"..?

HEY! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! WHY DON'T WE STRIKE FIRST...?!

YEAH! HIT THE IMPERIAL PLANET!!

.....

EZ...

UH-OH.. THERE HE GOES AGAIN.
WHATEVER WILL HE COME UP WITH NEXT I ASK YOU!
.....
Y'KNOW.. THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT A BAD PLAN
!!
GEORALD!!! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
NAH.. MAY AS WELL BE SHOT FOR A LION AS A LAMB, EH?
WE SLUG IT OUT WITH THE 6TH TOE-TO-TOE AND WE'RE DEAD MEAT ANYWAY
AND PROTECTING THE EARTH? HAH! A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM.
SO IN THAT CASE, WHY NOT SEIZE THE INITIATIVE? MIGHT BREAK THE DEADLOCK ANYWAY.

THEY'LL TRY TO WIPE US OUT BEFORE THEY HIT EARTH, RIGHT?
BUT IF WE SLIP AWAY.

THE ENTIRE FLEET WILL HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND CHASE US!
DAMN STRAIGHT! AND WE'LL MAKE OUR STAND RIGHT AT THE GATES OF THE IMPERIAL PLANET!
AND THEN WHAT, DEAR BOYS?

I AN'T GOT ALL THE DETAILS WORKED OUT YET
I JUST FIGURED IT OUGHTA BE INTERESTIN' TO STIR THINGS UP A BIT, EH?

WELL, THAT'S JUST BLOODY TYPICAL OF YOU!! THAT'S ALL YOU EVER THINK OF!!
AW SHUDDUP!! HELL, I'M AN IDIOT SURE I KNOW!!

WELL NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD YOUR LITTLE FANTASY, LET'S GET SERIOUS OKAY?!
GEE. I THOUGHT IT WAS A GREAT PLAN.

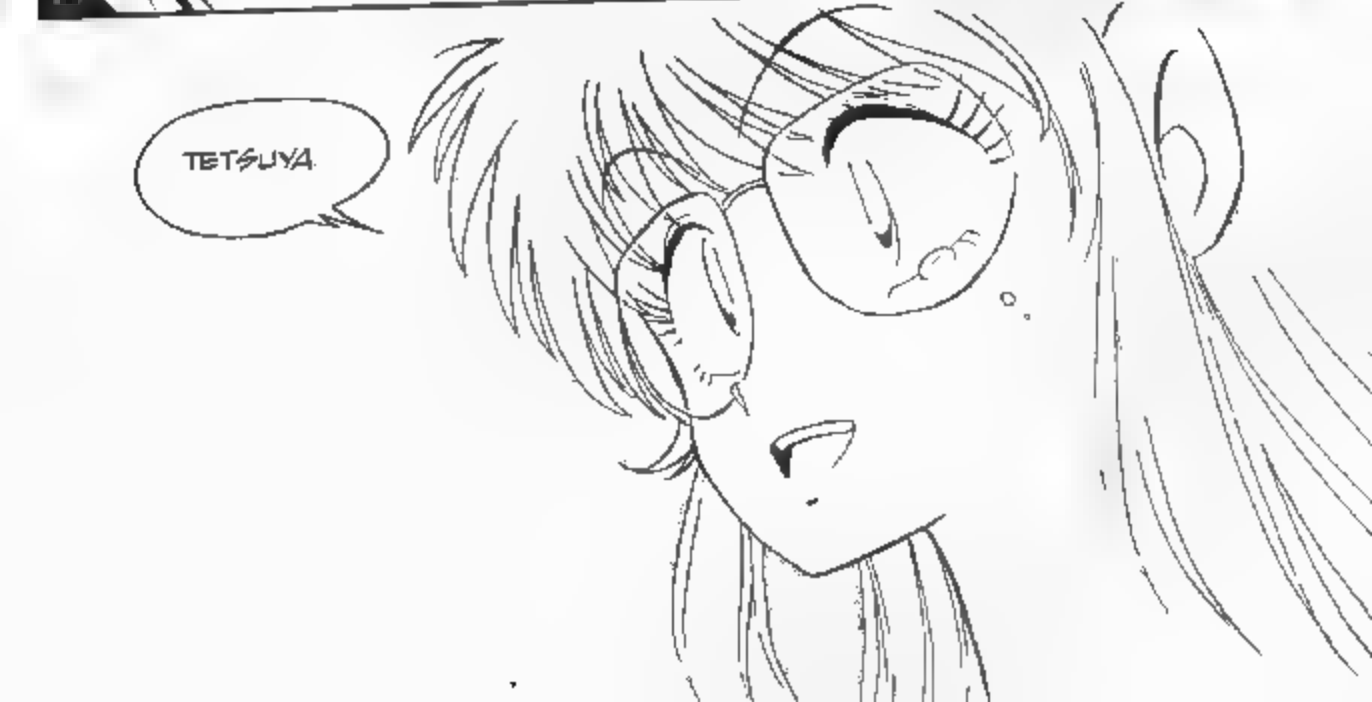
I DON'T DENY THAT YOU GET THESE GREAT FLASHES OF INSPIRATION, HON
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO START THINKING OF THE CONSEQUENCES, TOO!
Hmph

IT WAS A GOOD PLAN. GRUMBLE...

HEY, BOSS! A SHUTTLE JUST DOCKED WITH SOME OF THOSE GUYS YOU INVITED UP FROM EARTH!
!
YOU WANT ME TO BRING THEM UP HERE?
AW, HELL, IT'S JUST THOSE OLD GEEZERS FROM THE TALKS RIGHT?
NO POINT IN ME WASTIN' MY TIME WITH A BUNCHA OLD FARTS...
NOW, IF ONLY THEY'D BROUGHT SOME WOMEN...
ONE OF THEM IS A WOMAN, BOSS! GOOD LOOKING, TOO!
HOT DAMN!! SEND HER IN!
A WOMAN..?
YES M ER SHE'S JUST OUTSIDE..
HMM..?

WHA-?!
?

Y--
YOU--


TETSUYA

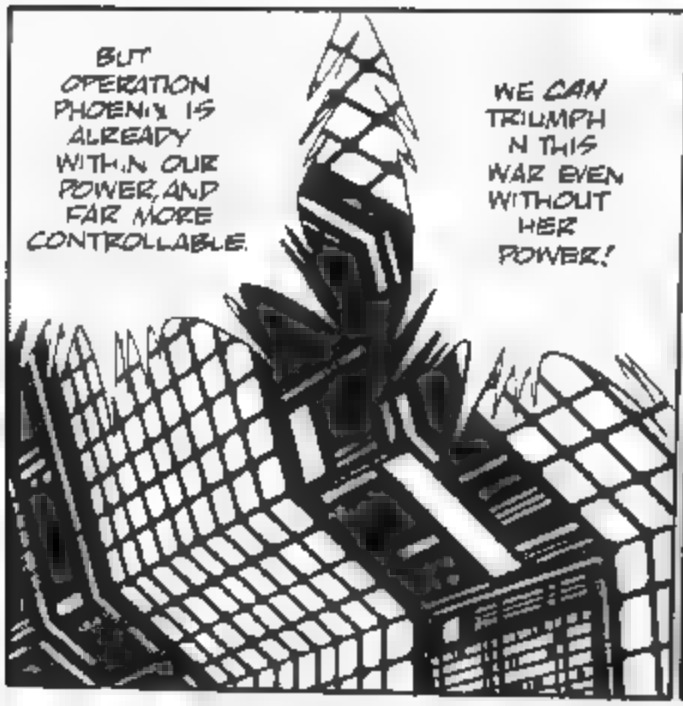
BAM
JUST WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ?!!
THE SORCERESS JILEHR AND OPERATION PHOENIX WERE OUR TWO LAST AND GREATEST HOPES!
HER POWERS ESPECIALLY WERE ALL WE REALLY HAD LEFT TO USE AGAINST THE ALIENS!
FOR GOD'S SAKE. NO ONE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN YOU JUST HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT WENT INTO FINDING HER!
AND NOW!! NOW WE FIND YOU'VE GONE AND JUST HANDED HER OVER TO THE ENEMY! THEY CALL THEMSELVES REBELS, BUT THEY'RE STILL ALIENS!!
AND WORSE-- YOU DID THIS WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH US THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF!
ALL RIGHT COMMANDER TOGO! SO FAR WE'VE TURNED A BLIND EYE TO YOUR ARROGANCE YOUR HEAVY-HANDED TACTICS!
BUT THIS TIME BY GOD, YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR!!

THIS IS CLEAR-CUT TREASON, SIR, TREASON AGAINST THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE! YOU ARE A TRAITOR TO EARTH!
A TRAITOR...?
HARSH WORDS, GENERAL.
NOT HARSH ENOUGH, TOGO!!

VERY WELL, THEN, YOU FOOLS-- LISTEN TO ME!
I HAVE JUST GOTTEN RID OF THE GREATEST THREAT THE HUMAN RACE HAS EVER KNOWN!

WHAT?!
YET WHAT IF WE WIN? IF WE DO, WE WIN ONLY TO BECOME THE SLAVES OF A TYRANT RULER!
TRUE, IF WE LOSE THIS WAR, MANKIND WILL PERISH
I SPEAK OF GREAT LEADER NEO, GENTLEMEN!

UNTIL NOW HE HAS RULED FROM THE SHADOWS...
...BUT IF WE WIN, HE WILL STEP FORTH INTO THE LIGHT TO CONTROL THE PLANET AS THE "SAVIOR OF THE EARTH!"
WITH THE SORCERESS JILEHE AT HIS SIDE, THE HUMAN RACE WOULD BE POWERLESS BEFORE HIM.
BUT THE EARTH BELONGS TO US!
IN TIME HE WOULD BUILD A NEW EMPIRE OF HIS OWN
IT DOESN'T BELONG TO ALIENS OR TO THE DEFEATED REMNANTS OF SOME PAST CIVILIZATION.
YES, IT IS A SHAME TO LOSE JILEHE'S POWERS.
BUT THAT POWER IS HERS AND HERS ALONE IT IS BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL
WE WOULD BE LESS THAN NOTHING TO HER. SHE COULD DESTROY US ALL WITH A GLANCE!

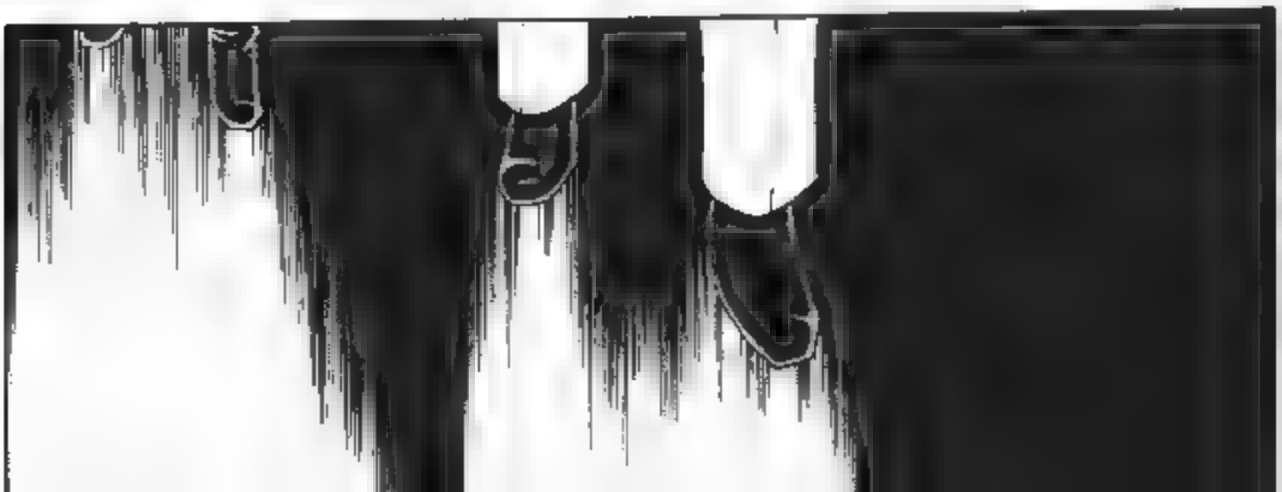

BUT OPERATION PHOENIX IS ALREADY WITHIN OUR POWER, AND FAR MORE CONTROLLABLE.
WE CAN TRIUMPH IN THIS WAR EVEN WITHOUT HER POWER!

DON'T YOU AGREE, GENTLEMEN ?

I... WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, COMMANDER TOGO.

...BUT STILL. WHAT OF NEO? DON'T YOU THINK HE MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S BECOME OF JILEHR? AND WHAT WILL HE DO WHEN HE FINDS OUT ?
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR

WITHOUT JILEHR, NEO IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PITIFUL OLD MAN ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?! WHO ARE YOU?!

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE ?!

OH YOU MEBBY'T GET UP, OR NOT THAT I SUPPOSE YOU COULD, EVEN NEED I TO OFFER YOU TO..

GET OUT OF HERE!!

ALL OF YOU LEAVE THIS ROOM AT ONCE!!

I'M AFRAID THAT THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE DETERMINED THAT YOUR CONTINUED EXISTENCE IS UNNECESSARY TO THE HUMAN RACE.

W-WHAT?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I ASSURE YOU, WE HAVE THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR YOUR WORK IN UNIFYING THE HUMAN RACE IN THE FACE OF OUR ENEMIES.

AND, OF COURSE, WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING US OPERATION PHOENIX, AND ALL IT ENTAILS.

HOWEVER, WE'D REALLY RATHER TAKE CARE OF THINGS OURSELVES FROM NOW ON

I'M AFRAID WE WON'T BE NEEDING YOU ANYMORE LORD NED.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY YOURSELF ABOUT US, SIR-- WE'LL BE FINE JUST REST IN PEACE

FOREVER..

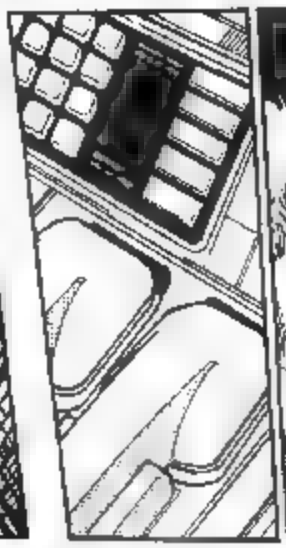
RRIINNGG
RRIINNGG
TOGO HERE.
T'S OVER SIR YES, S R. WITHOUT A DOUBT
I SAW TO .T MYSELF.

YES SIR WE'LL DESTROY THE FACILITIES AS PLANNED
EXCELLENT GOOD WORK COLONEL
WHKROOM

BAKOOM

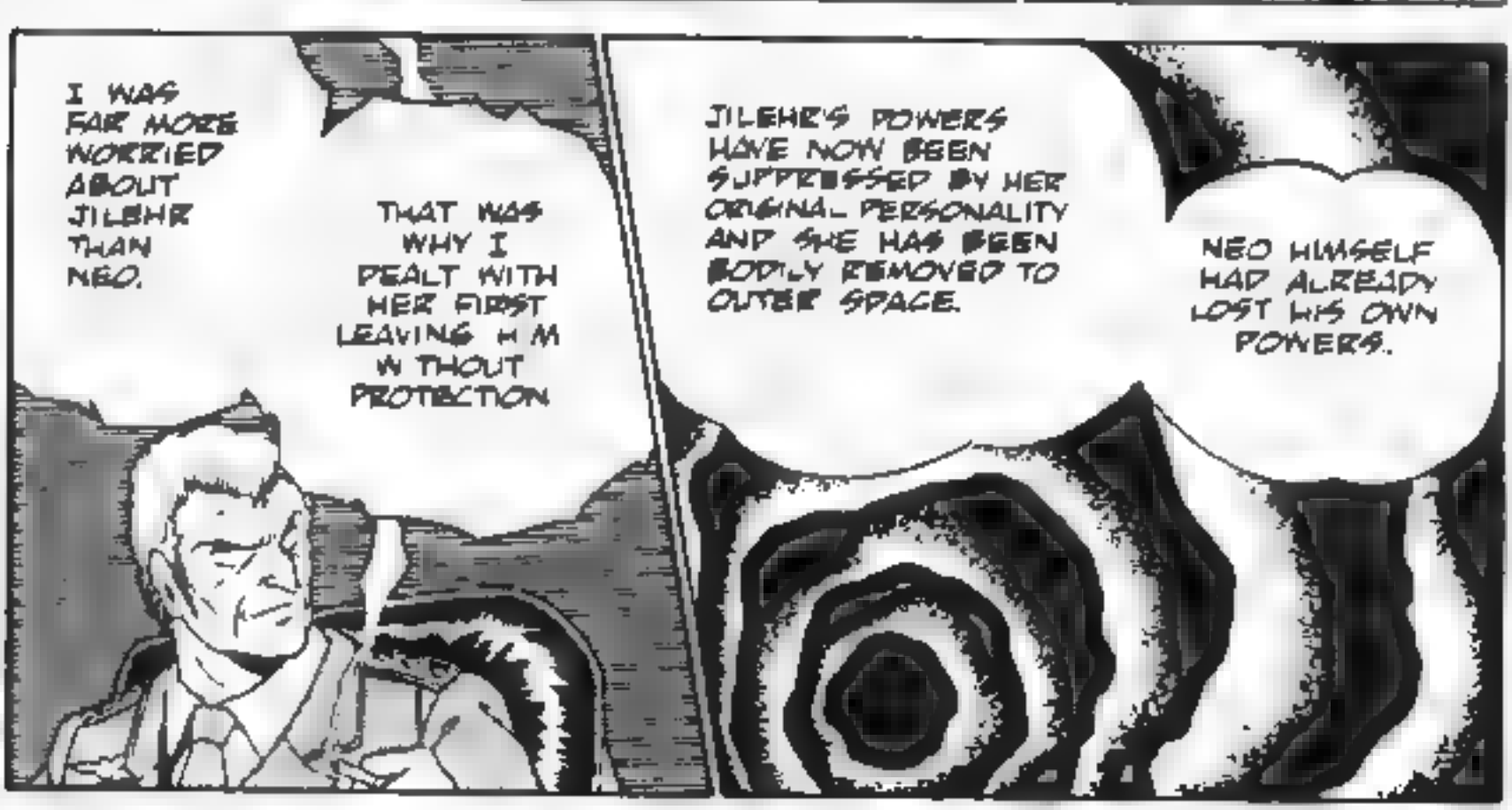
RMBRMB RMBRMB
!

GEE I WONDER WHAT THAT NOISE WAS
MAYBE AN EARTHQUAKE ?



VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN .. OUR HOUSE-CLEANING IS FINISHED

YOU'RE YOU'RE A BOLD MAN, TOGO.
A DANGEROUS GAMBLE, TRUE
BUT I DID IT FOR ALL MANKIND
I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED THAT NEO COULD BE ELIMINATED SO EASILY!
UNBELIEVABLE!!


I WAS FAR MORE WORRIED ABOUT JILEHR THAN NEO.
THAT WAS WHY I DEALT WITH HER FIRST LEAVING HIM WITHOUT PROTECTION
JILEHR'S POWERS HAVE NOW BEEN SUPPRESSED BY HER ORIGINAL PERSONALITY AND SHE HAS BEEN BODILY REMOVED TO OUTER SPACE.
NEO HIMSELF HAD ALREADY LOST HIS OWN POWERS.

T WAS NOTHING.

NOW WE CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THOSE ALIENS!

IS THIS HYPERCORE CONTROL?
COMMANDER TOGO HERE.

INITIATE OPERATION PHOENIX !!
THAT'S CORRECT. I WANT ALL PREPARATIONS COMPLETE WITHIN 24 HOURS.

"INITIATE OPERATION PHOENIX !!"

VVVVVVVVVV

THIS SUCKS STANDING WATCH DRIVES ME NUTS.
WOULDN'T BE SO BAD IF YOU WERE A DECENT LOOKIN BROAD...
SO SORRY I WAS BORN, PAL.!

DAMN, BUT THE BOSS SURE HAS T GOOD NIGHT AFTER NIGHT WITH THAT TASTY BATTIA. YEAH!
US GRUNTS ALWAYS GET SCREWED.. AND NOT THE RIGHT WAY
BEEP
HUH ?
WHAT THE HELL ?

WHAT'S UP ?
I DUNNO... PROBABLY NOTHIN LOOKS LIKE THE SENSOR'S PICKIN' UP SOME KINDA WEIRD ENERGY FIELD
OH YEAH ? FROM WHERE ? YOU GOT A FIX ?
IT'S COMIN' FROM THAT BIG MOON NEAR EARTH.
SO WHAT KIND OF ENERGY IS IT ? YOU RUN AN ANALYSIS YET ?
YEAH, I DID THAT-- COMES BACK WITH 'ANALYSIS IMPOSSIBLE' TOLD YA IT WAS WEIRD!
MAYBE WE OUGHTA TELL THE BOSS, HUH ?
NAW, TO HELL WITH THAT
HE'D JUST GET PISSED IF WE BUGGED HIM WITH SOMETHIN SMALL LIKE THAT
"YEAH YOU GOT THAT RIGHT."

IT'S ALL OVER, CAPTAIN HAGIWARA

I THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE

WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION, WE'D NEVER HAVE GOTTEN INTO HIS CHAMBERS

YOU'VE SAVED MANKIND...

ENOUGH!! I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THIS FROM YOU!

YES I HAD MY REASONS, BUT STILL - I BETRAYED MY MASTER AND MENTOR!

WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

"YOU DID WHAT YOU DID TO SAVE AKI OKIZAWA

"AND I DID WHAT I DID TO GIVE HUMANITY CONTROL OF ITS OWN DESTINY NEO WAS IN THE WAY, FOR BOTH OF US THAT'S ALL."

YES. I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT THIS WAY FOR AKI
NEO WAS CONSUMED BY HIS LUST FOR REVENGE HE SET AKI UP AS A 'SORCERESS'
BUT EVEN THAT DIDN'T SATISFY HIM HE TRIED TO USE THE CRYSTAL GLOBE TO FORCE EVEN MORE POWERS UPON HER.
AND YOU COULDN'T ENDURE WATCHING HER TORMENT SO YOU HELPED HER
YOU'RE A GENTLE MAN CAPTAIN.
THAT'S ENOUGH!
HOW CAN A CREATURE SUCH AS YOU HOPE TO UNDERSTAND?! ANY MORE POWER WOULD HAVE CRUSHED HER COMPLETELY!!
WATCH YOUR TONGUE CAPTAIN!
BEST YOU LEARN HOW TO PROPERLY ADDRESS YOUR SUPERIORS!
I WAS ONLY UNDER YOUR COMMAND WHEN I WAS A HUMAN. TOGO!
YOU HAVE NO HOLD OVER ME ANYMORE!
IN THAT CASE, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW...?
THEY SAY "A TRAITOR HAS NO HOME"
IT DOESN'T MATTER
I WILL JUST VANISH FROM THIS EARTH

I WILL LIVE ALONE IN PENANCE... TORTURED BY MY SINS
YET THAT IS NOTHING MORE THAN MY JUST REWARD FOR HAVING LIED TO AKI AND BETRAYED LORD NEO...

HUH...
SOUNDS APPROPRIATE TO ME

IN FACT-- WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIE AND DO PENANCE--

—IN THE WORLD BEYOND!

BLAM
YOU-- YOU BASTARD!
BLAM
BLAM

"AKI..."

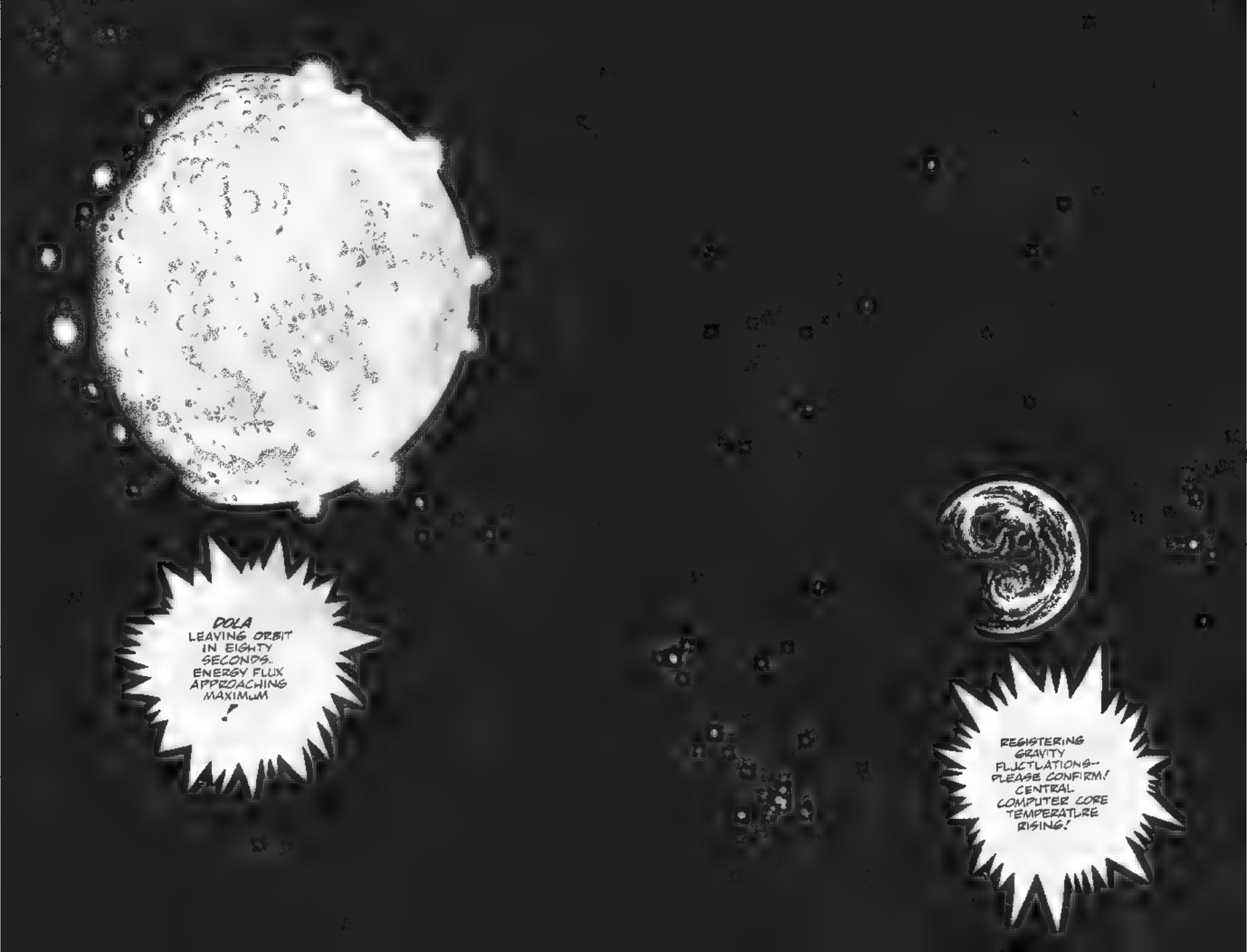
FOOL...

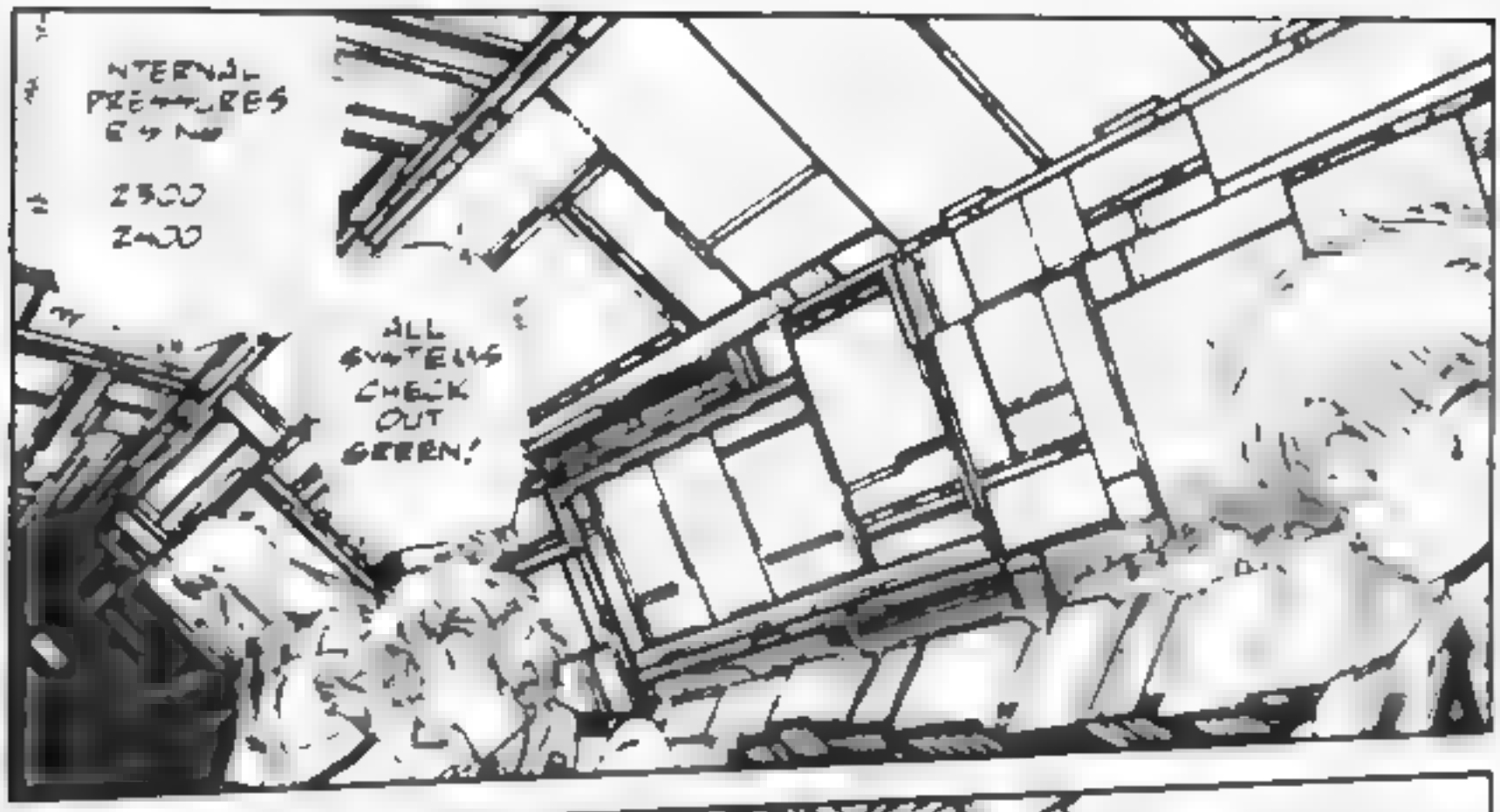
YOU'VE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...

YOU TWO WILL BE UNITED AGAIN, VERY SOON.

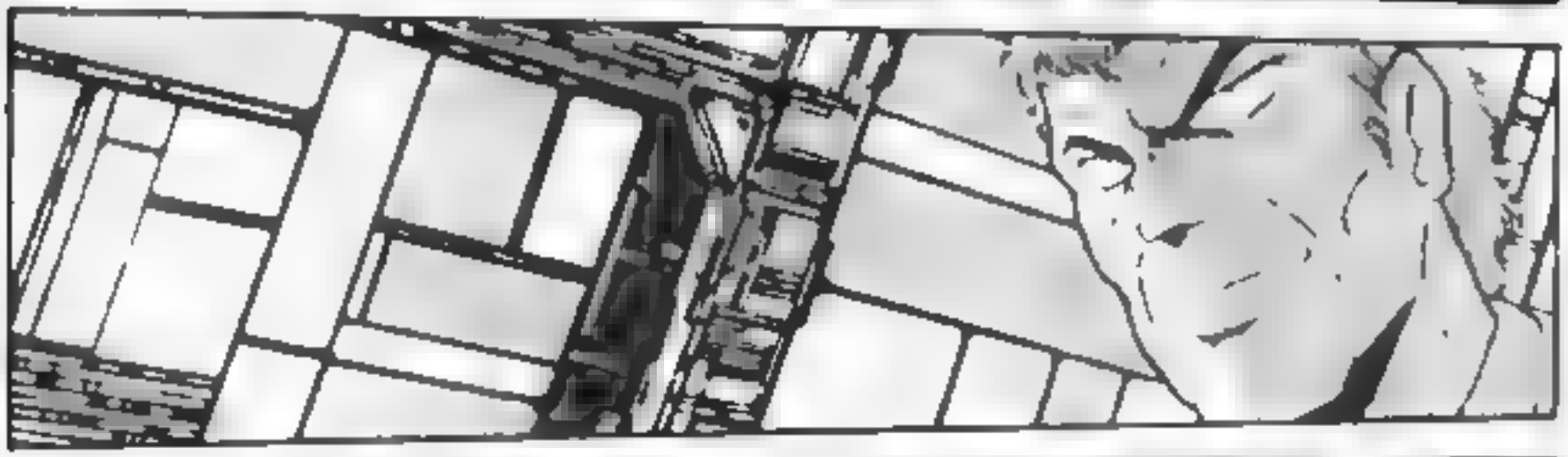
TO BE CONTINUED

INITIATE OPERATION PHOENIX !!
ALL PERSONNEL TO BATTLE STATIONS! HYPERCORE, GO TO ALERT LEVEL FIVE!
ALL PERSONNEL MUST STAY AT THEIR POSTS FOR THE NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

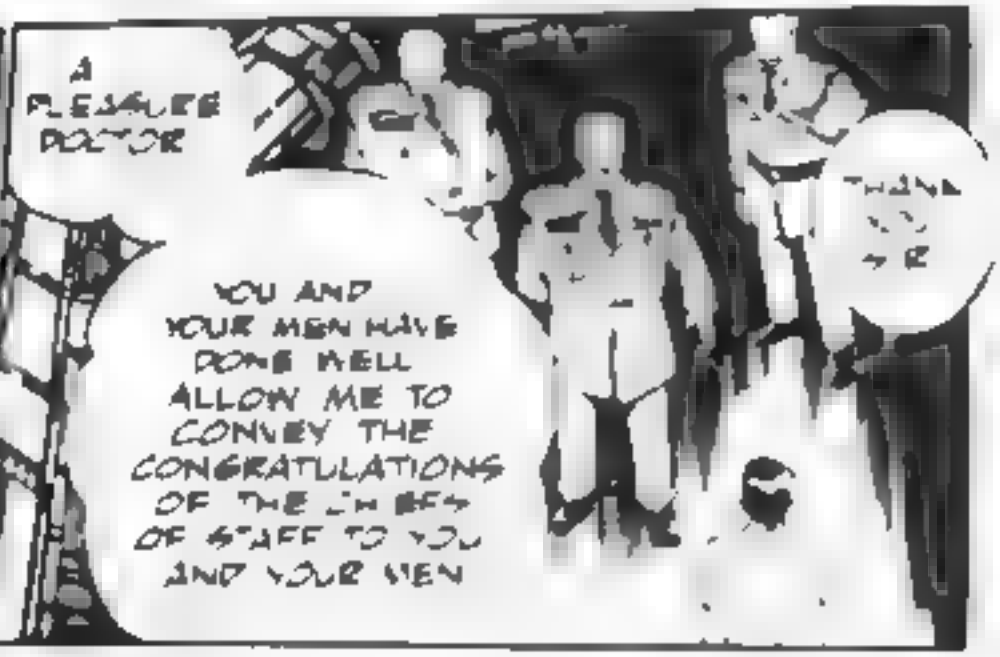

DOLA LEAVING ORBIT IN EIGHTY SECONDS.. ENERGY FLUX APPROACHING MAXIMUM !
REGISTERING GRAVITY FLUCTUATIONS-- PLEASE CONFIRM! CENTRAL COMPUTER CORE TEMPERATURE RISING!

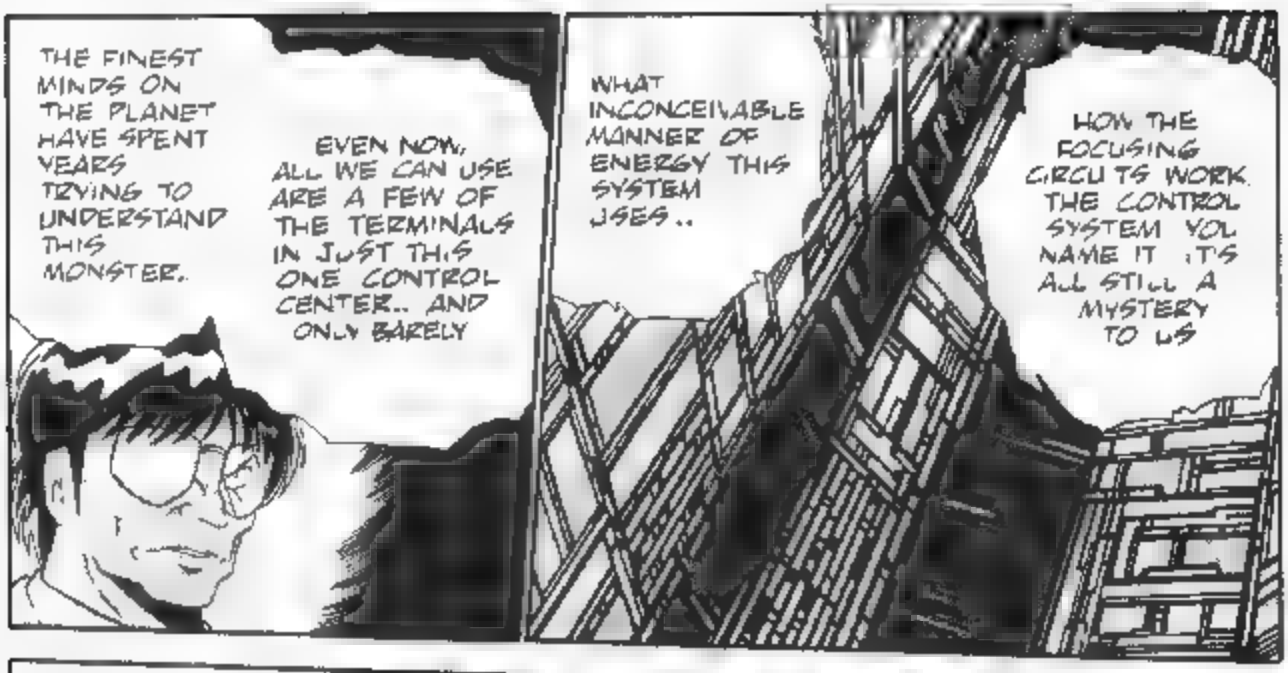

INTERNAL PRESSURES
2500
2400
ALL SYSTEMS CHECK OUT GREEN!

DOLA CENTRAL HERE PRESSURE STILL
WE SHOULD REACH CRITICAL ANYTIME NOW
ALL CONTROL SYSTEMS OPERATING SMOOTHLY WE HAVE A MINOR FEEDBACK ECHO IN THE GRAVITATIONAL FUNNEL



GREETINGS COMMANDER TOO!
I'M DOCTOR YAMASHITA, IN CHARGE OF THIS MESS


A PLEASURE DOCTOR
YOU AND YOUR MEN HAVE DONE WELL ALLOW ME TO CONVEY THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE CHIEFS OF STAFF TO YOU AND YOUR MEN


THE FINEST MINDS ON THE PLANET HAVE SPENT YEARS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS MONSTER.
EVEN NOW, ALL WE CAN USE ARE A FEW OF THE TERMINALS IN JUST THIS ONE CONTROL CENTER.. AND ONLY BARELY
WHAT INCONCEIVABLE MANNER OF ENERGY THIS SYSTEM USES..
HOW THE FOCUSING CIRCUITS WORK. THE CONTROL SYSTEM YOU NAME IT ;IT'S ALL STILL A MYSTERY TO US

IN THE END, DESPITE ALL OUR EFFORT THE BEAST HAS PROVEN INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
ALL WE CAN DO IS "USE" IT, AND CLUMSILY AT THAT STILL, IT WILL BE ENOUGH
IT WAS ARROGANCE TO THINK YOU COULD EVER UNDERSTAND IT, DOCTOR THIS IS A RELIC FROM A WAR THAT OCCURRED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO...

"I DOUBT ANY OF THOSE HAPPY FOOLS UP THERE ON THE SURFACE WOULD BELIEVE IT EVEN IF WE TOLD THEM."
"THEY COULD NOT COMPREHEND THAT THE MOON HANGING OVER THEIR HEADS IS REALLY A MAN-MADE SATELLITE, AND A WEAPON OF INCONCEIVABLE POWER."

"HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, THE COLONISTS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM FORMED A SEPARATIST MOVEMENT AND DECLARED THEIR INDEPENDANCE, THUS TRIGGERING THE WARS THAT SPLIT THE RA EMPIRE FOREVER COUNTLESS YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THOSE DAYS "
"IN THE SEVENTH GALACTIC WAR, THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED DECISIVELY AGAINST THE EARTH. THE MASSIVE BATTLE FLEETS OF THE SANTOVASKU BEGAN CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL "

"WITH THEIR OWN FLEETS DECIMATED THE TERRAN REBELS RACED TO COMPLETE THEIR *DOOMSDAY MACHINE*

A WEAPON THAT STILL EXISTED ONLY ON THE DRAWING BOARDS."

"A GARGANTUAN GUN EMPLACEMENT CAPABLE OF REACHING OUT ACROSS THE LIGHT YEARS TO SMASH A PLANET OR EVEN A STAR."

"TO US, IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN THE MOON BUT HOW COULD WE HAVE KNOWN...?"

"IT'S REAL NAME... THE NAME GIVEN IT BY THE ANCIENTS. IS *DOLA*."

"AND YET, *DOLA* WAS NEVER USED IN COMBAT BEFORE IT COULD BE ACTIVATED, VIRTUALLY ALL LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WAS EXTERMINATED."

"*DOLA* WAS LEFT BEHIND FLOATING IN SPACE. A RELIC OF A LOST WAR."

I AM QUITE CERTAIN, COMMANDER TOGO, THAT THE ANCIENTS WHO BUILT THIS THING NEVER IMAGINED, NOT IN THEIR WILDEST DREAMS, THAT SOMEDAY--

--IT WOULD FINALLY BE USED AGAINST THE ENEMY BATTLE FLEET IT WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY, MILLIONS OF YEARS AFTER IT WAS BUILT

LORD NEO KNEW OF THIS WEAPON AND USED THE HUMAN RACE AS TOOLS TO TRY AND BRING IT BACK TO LIFE

BUT NOW IT HAS FALLEN INTO OUR HANDS-- THE TOOLS HAVE BECOME USERS.

AND POOR NEO. IT SEEMS THE OLD FOSSIL WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOOL HIMSELF IN THE END

STILL.. DOCTOR ARE YOU REALLY CERTAIN THIS THING CAN DESTROY THE ENEMY ?

THEORETICALLY SPEAKING, YES-- MANY TIMES OVER

YET IF IT WAS POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO TEST IT AT LEAST ONCE
AFTER ALL, WE ARE TOYING WITH THE FORCES THAT BIND TOGETHER THE GALAXY HERE SOMETHING, SOMETH NG UNEXPECTED COULD HAPPEN..
THERE IS NO NEED TO TEST IT!
F THE SYSTEMS ARE OPERA-TIONAL THATS ALL WE NEED TO KNOW
F WE REVEAL OURSELVES AND OUR NEW POWER TO THE EMPIRE OVER SOME PETTY NERVOUSNESS, ALL WILL BE LOST
AND NOT JUST THE EMPIRE. THE REBELS, TOO
HM ?
"JUST THINK, GENTLEMEN . ONCE WE CONTROL DOLA--
"...IT WONT BE THE SANTOVASKU WHO RULE THE GALAXY... IT WILL BE US!! THE PLANET EARTH!!

CLIK
Beep
CIRCUIT CHECK. OK THE BOARD IS GREEN
C-TO1 CHECK THAT DOES IT FOR C-BLOCK.
GEE HYPERCORE SURE CAN BE CREEPY SOMETIMES
YEAH
ALL THOSE WEIRD NOISES I HATE IT!
Ha Ha Ha. Ha.

LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
YEAH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING--!?
L-L-LOOK.
WHA--?!

EXPLAA!
WHAT'S WRONG?! ARE YOU OKAY ?!

WE WE SAW THIS WEIRD THING LIKE A GHOST !
A GHOST ?! WHERE?

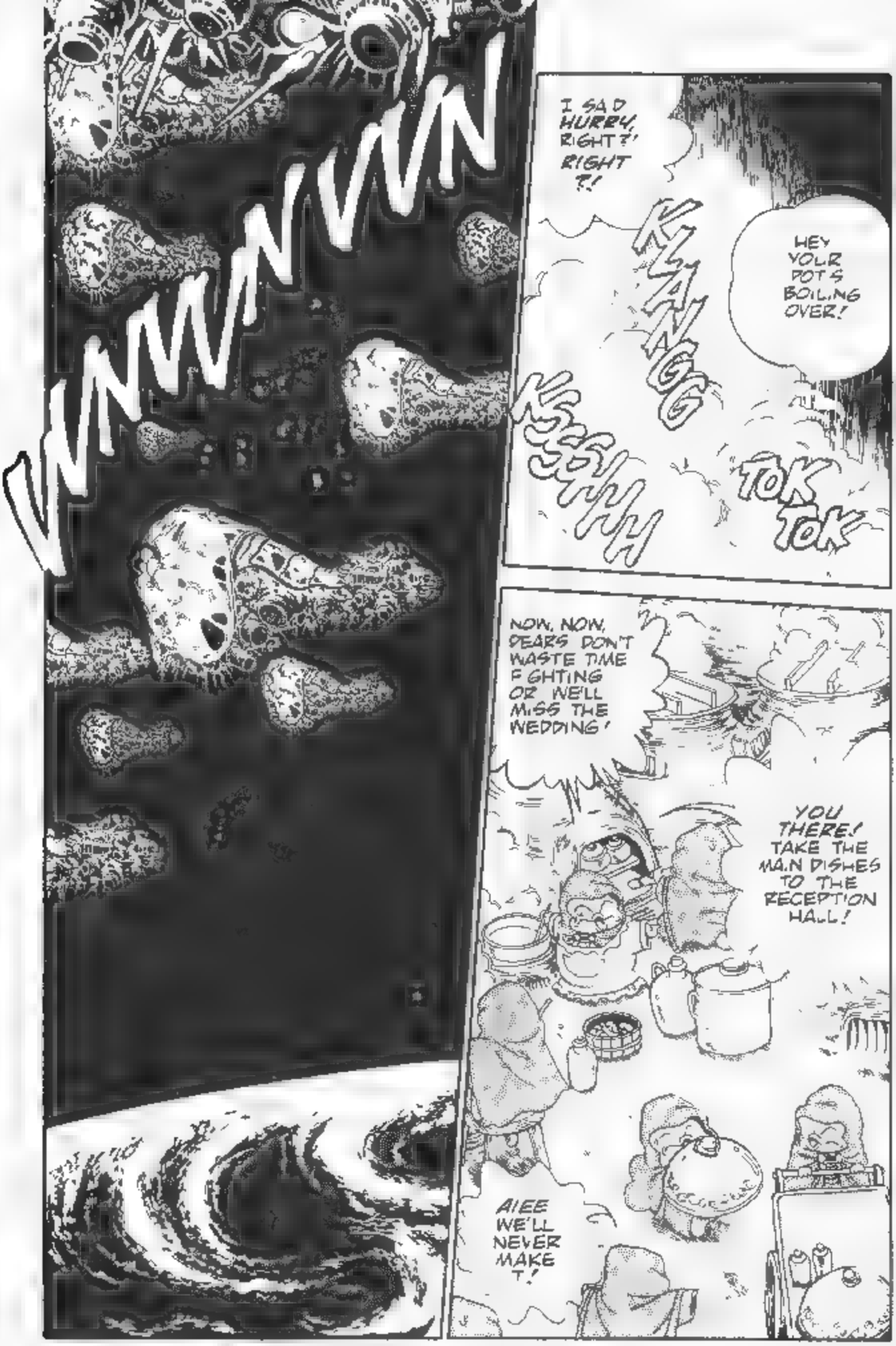
BACK THERE..
??

I DON'T SEE ANYTH NG
BUT IT WAS THERE !! WE SAW IT !!

LOOK, I'VE HEARD ENOUGH FROM YOU TWO !
YOU WERE SEEING THINGS--GET BACK TO WORK !
BUT SIR..

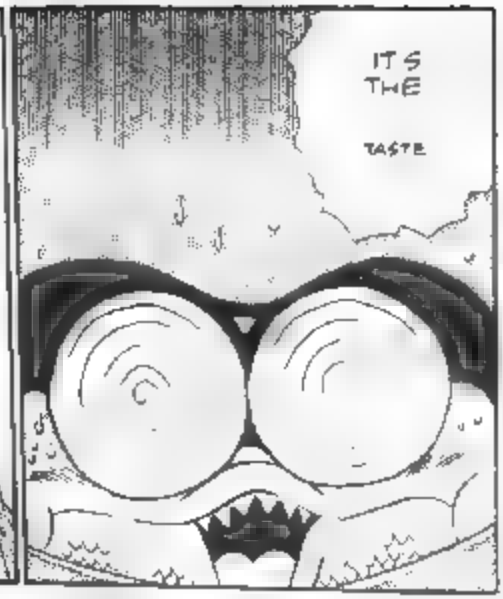
IF YOU'RE STRESSED OUT, GET SOME TRANQUIL ZERS FROM SICKBAY YOU--

NO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE..


I SAID HURRY, RIGHT?! RIGHT?!
HEY YOUR POTS BOILING OVER!
KLANGG
KSSSHH
TOK TOK
NOW, NOW, DEARS DON'T WASTE TIME FIGHTING OR WE'LL MISS THE WEDDING!
YOU THERE! TAKE THE MAIN DISHES TO THE RECEPTION HALL!
AIEE WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

MMMM SMELLS DELICIOUS MSS RAISA!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?' MY OWN SPECIAL RECIPE AFTER ALL!
OH YES, OF COURSE QUITE RIGHT HA HA.
AND NOW TO TASTE IT
YEEOWW!! HOT HOT HOT HOT!!
HOT!! HOT!!
GULP
I GUESS MY TONGUE IS TOO DELICATE
IT'S TOO SPICY FOR YOU, LET ME TRY IT!
ARE YOU SURE? IT REALLY S AWFUL HOT
DON'T WORRY I LOVE HOT FOOD!
SLURP

SEE · I TOLD YOU SO! YOU NEVER LISTEN, DO YOU?!
HERE· HAVE SOME WATER!
N-NO IT'S NOT THAT HOT ACTUALLY T'S. IT'S.


IT'S THE
TASTE

OH, YEAH?! AND WHAT ABOUT THE TASTE, HUH? WELL?!
IT'S, UH INTERESTING YOU KNOW
WOW!!! THIS IS JUST EXCELLENT!! DELICIOUS!!

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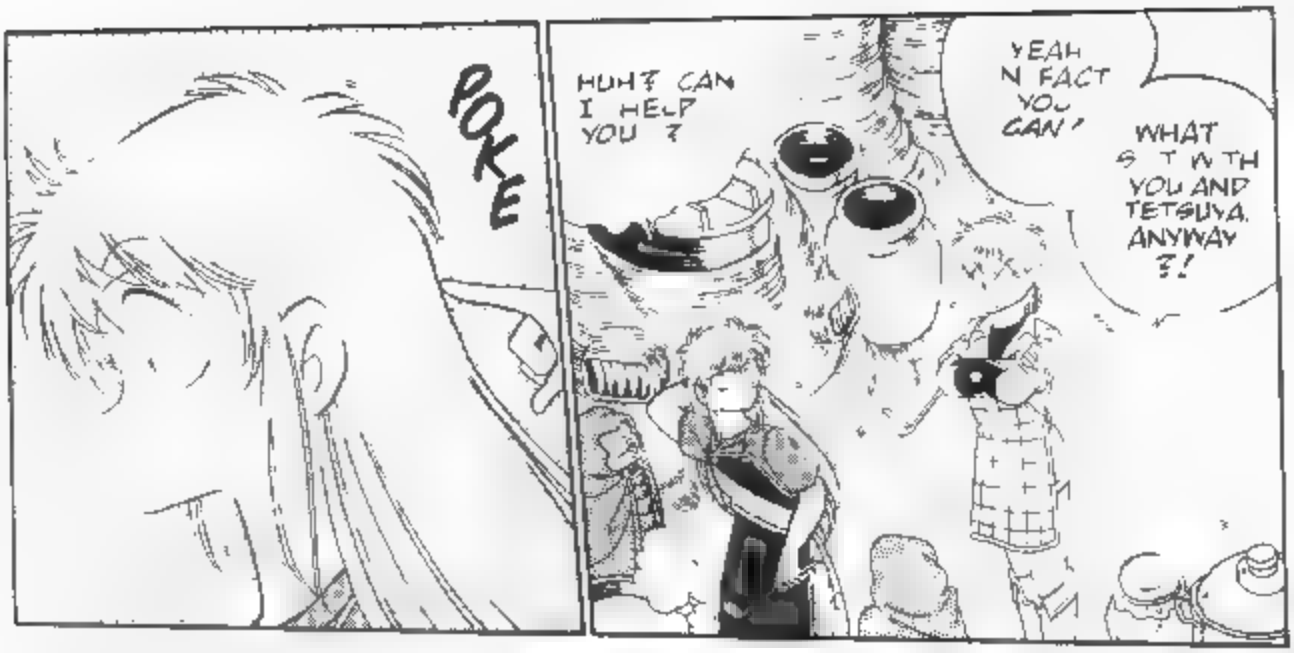
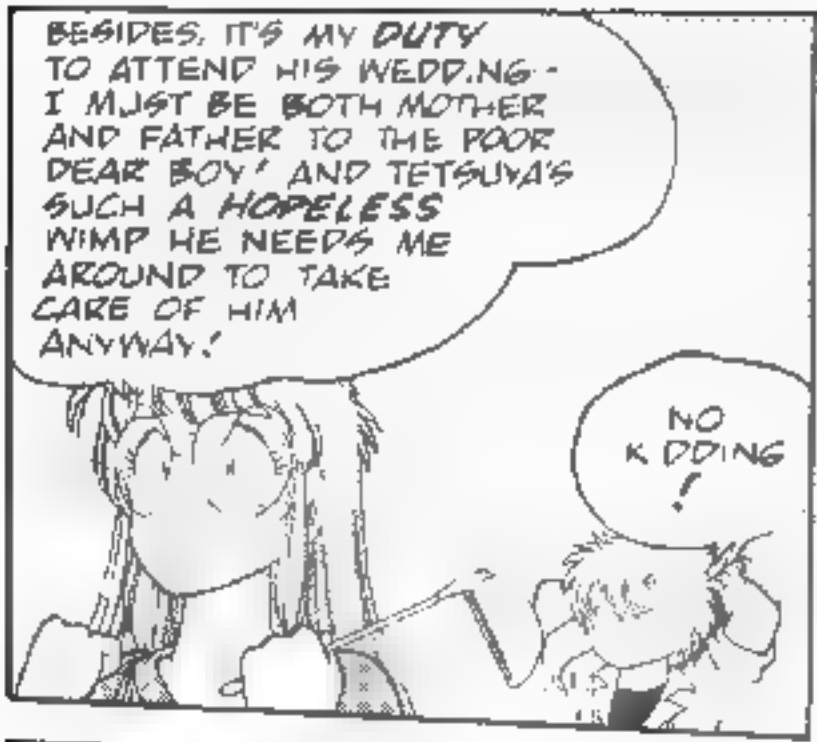
HONESTLY ? GEE THANK YOU!
IT'S MAGNIFICENT!! FIVE STARS AT LEAST!
YOU SIMPLY MUST GIVE ME THE RECIPE!
GEEZ! WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS, ANYWAY! WALKS RIGHT IN AND.


POKE
HUH? CAN I HELP YOU ?
YEAH N FACT YOU CAN!
WHAT S T W TH YOU AND TETSUYA. ANYWAY ?!

NOTHING REALLY I WAS JUST HIS BOSS THAT'S ALL
THAT'S ALL ?
YES! DIDN'T I ALREADY TELL YOU TH S ?

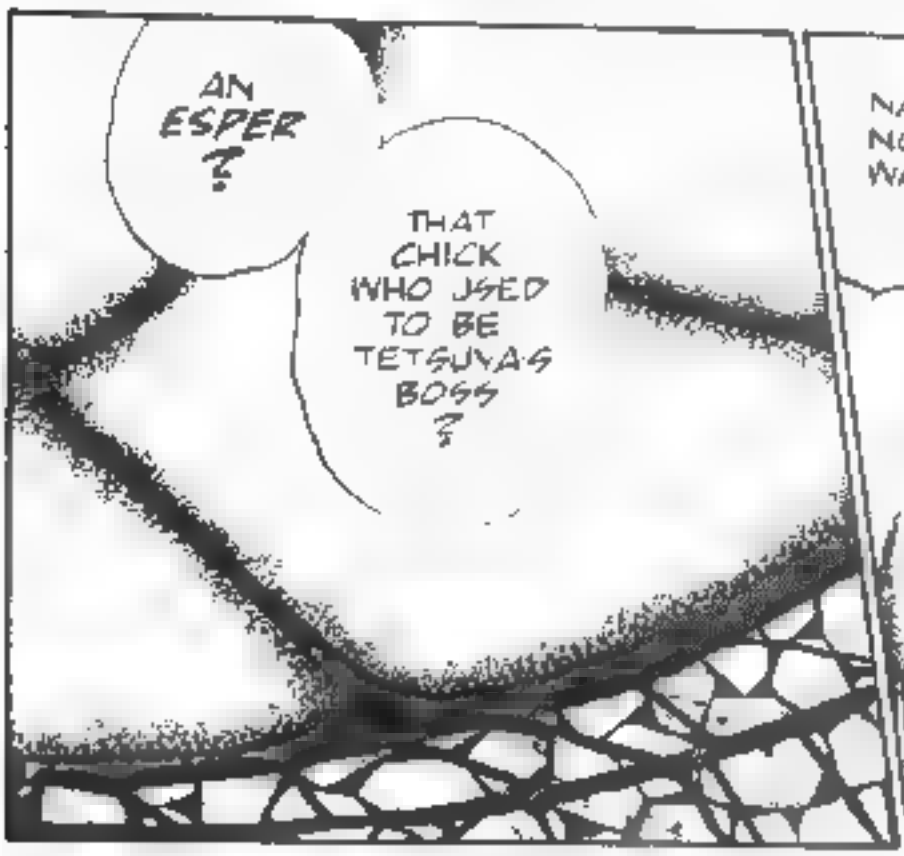
SURE, BUT YOU WERE AWFUL DARN HAPPY TO SEE H M! DIDN'T EXACTLY LOOK L KE A PLATONIC RELATIONSHIP TO ME!
OR TO KAHM, FOR THAT MATTER! SHE WAS DOWNRIGHT JEALOUS!

YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND, RAISA I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD
I NEVER DREAMED WE'D MEET AGAIN. NOT EVER. NOT LIKE THIS .
WE WERE BOTH ALONE. OUR COUNTRY DESTROYED.
I WAS SO INCREDIBLY HAPPY TO SEE HIM SOMEONE I COULD CALL A FRIEND
HMPH !


BESIDES, IT'S MY DUTY TO ATTEND HIS WEDDING - I MUST BE BOTH MOTHER AND FATHER TO THE POOR DEAR BOY! AND TETSUYA'S SUCH A HOPELESS WIMP HE NEEDS ME AROUND TO TAKE CARE OF HIM ANYWAY!
NO KIDDING!

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU.? ARE YOU AND TETSUYA FRIENDS?
NO NOT "FRIENDS"

LOVERS!!


AN ESPER?
THAT CHICK WHO USED TO BE TETSUYA'S BOSS?

NAW NO WAY
SHE'S JUST ANOTHER BROAD THAT'S ALL.

DON'T GET ME WRONG OR NOTHIN' I AIN'T SAYIN' I DON'T TRUST YOUR INTUI-TION BUT I DUNNO..
I'M NOT WRONG
THOSE WITH THE POWER CAN FEEL IT IN OTHERS.
SHE'S HIDING IT SOMEHOW. I DON'T KNOW HOW. BUT IT'S THERE.

AND EVEN DORMANT IT WAS ENOUGH TO STUN ME GEOBALDI SHE'S POWERFUL-- INCREDIBLY POWERFUL!
NO KIDDIN HUH HAS PRINCESS KAHM NOT LED?

KAHM?! FORGET IT SHE'S OFF ON CLOUD NINE
AIN'T THAT SWEET!
BY THE WAY, HONEY I WANT YOU TO LEND ME A BATTALION!
HUH? WHAT THE HELL FOR?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT FOR?" I WANT A FLEET TO COMMAND IN THIS BATTLE TOO!

FORGET IT!

THIS BATTLE AIN'T GONNA BE NO PICNIC FOR LITTLE GIRLS UH UH!

ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS BEHAVE YOURSELF AND WAIT HERE IN BED FOR MY TRIUMPHANT RETURN...

SAY WHAT?!!

YOU SLUMBAG!! HOW DARE YOU TREAT A WOMAN LIKE THAT!

WHAM

THUD

KRAKTH

KRANGG

OW! OW!

ALL RIGHT YOU WIN. I'LL TELL GIRI TO PUT TOGETHER A FREE UNIT FOR YOU

YAHOO! THANK YOU, DEAR-- YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING! ♡

HEY WHERE YOU GOING?

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GET READY

READY? READY FOR WHAT?
YOU'RE SO THICK SOMETIMES! FOR THE WEDDING, BOZO! OUR LITTLE LOVEBIRDS ARE GETTING HITCHED!
IT'S THE WEDDING FOR THE HEIRESS TO THE ENTIRE GALACTIC EMPIRE YOU KNOW-- I'VE GOT TO LOOK MY BEST!

I'LL WEAR MY SEXIEST DRESS FOR YOU-- JUST YOU WAIT, LOVER!
HUH!
I HATE THIS KINDA CRAP
YOU WOMEN ARE ALWAYS RUNNIN' ON ABOUT CLOTHES, MAKEUP.. DRIVES ME NUTS!
PBLLFLT! WHY DON'T YOU TRY BRUSHING YOUR HAIR FOR ONCE?!
DO IT FOR ME, OKAY, SWEETHEART? YOU'LL LOOK EVEN MORE HANDSOME!
YEAH, YEAH.

DAMN IT'S SHEDDING SEASON, TOO..

....
....
HMMM...
HEE HEE
SEXY LADY !
HAH !

I GIVE UP !!
IT'S JUST NOT ME NO WAY!
A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LOOKS GOOD IN WHATEVER SHE THROWS ON! WHO NEEDS MAKEUP ANYHOW?
SPSH
SPSH
SPSH
PRINCESS KAHM DEAR I'VE LEFT THE DRESS IN YOUR BEDROOM
THANKS MOMO! I CAN'T WAIT! ♡
WHERE'S TETSUYA ?
WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW.. HE'S STILL ASLEEP
HE'S WHAT?! WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING ANYWAY!? THAT LITTLE SKUNK
....
♫

AW, C'MON... ANOTH'R FI' MINNITS...
=Yaawn=
THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY!!
JEEZ. THERE'S A TON OF TIME LEFT..
THE WEDDING'S NOT GONNA START WITHOUT US
SO. I SEE..
GUESS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO USE FORCE, THEN
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KOOCHIE KOOCHIE KOO!!
YAHAHAHA!!
O-OKAY! I'LL GET UP! S-STOP!!
LUCKY GUY

NOW HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED!
GET DRESSED? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS OUTFIT?
GET REAL!!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE CROWN PRINCE TETSUYA! YOU'VE GOT TO DRESS THE PART!
SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET SO STUFFY, HUH...?
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE THOSE FANCY CLOTHES.
FLOP
BURK!
HEY!! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU--
I'M CHANGING, OF COURSE! SO?
AT LEAST DO IT BEHIND A CURTAIN OR SOMETHING!!
WHATEVER FOR? YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE!

OH HO! I GET IT NOW! YOU WANTED TO UNDRESS ME YOURSELF YOU LECHER, YOU!
THAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT, YOU DUMMY!
I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I
. . . .
. . . .
KAHM..
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING.. WE REALLY ARE GETTING MARRIED AREN'T WE.. YOU AND ME FOREVER
UH, YEAH..
WE SURE ARE
NOW WHAT?
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME WE MET?

"I WAS FIGHTING ON EARTH, WHEN SUDDENLY THERE YOU WERE."

"YEAH, WE SURE GOT OFF TO A GOOD START, TOO."

I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D WON?

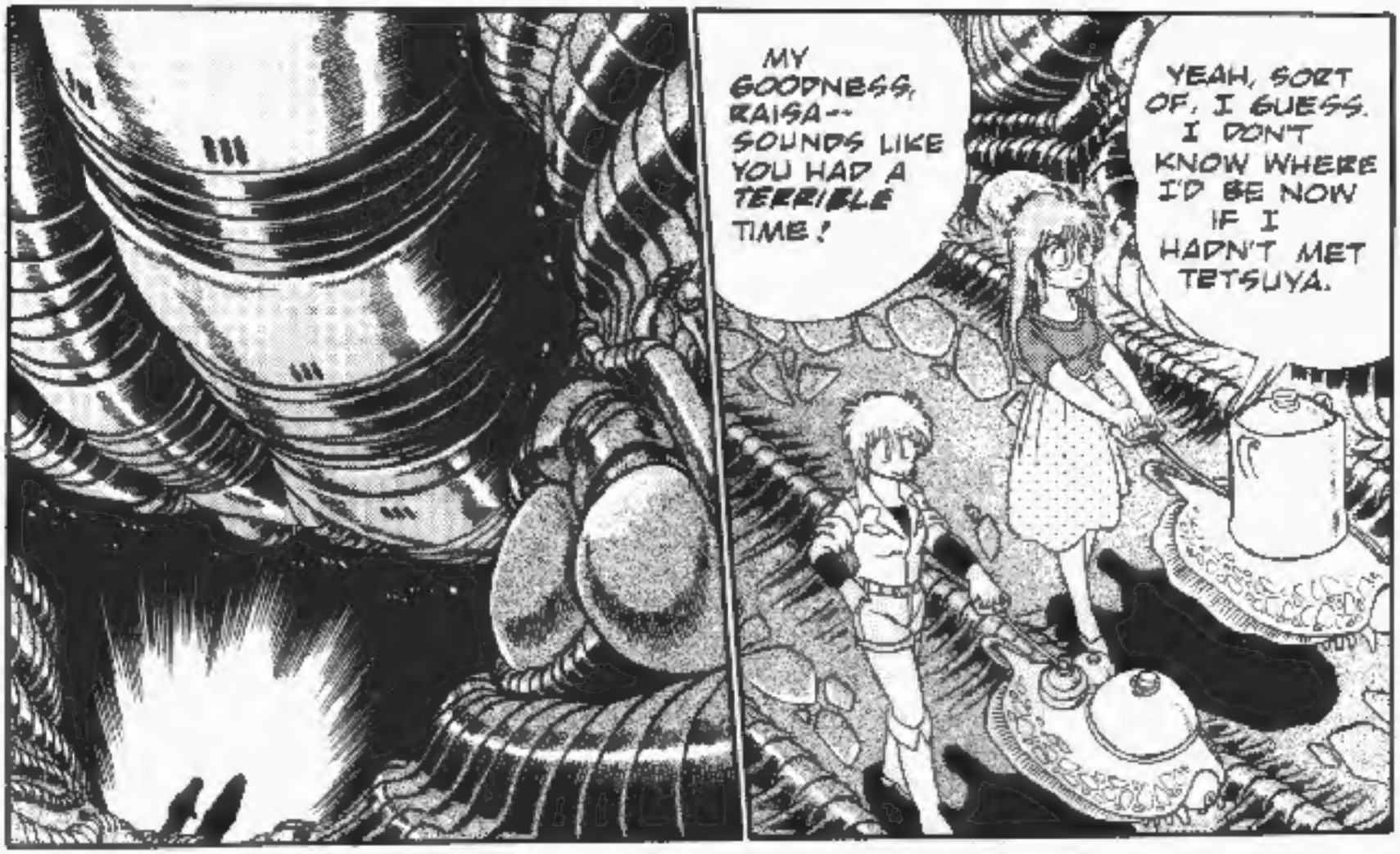
GUESS I WOULDN'T BE HERE TO THINK ABOUT IT. HA HA HA

BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS SUCH A *FATEFUL* WAY TO MEET?

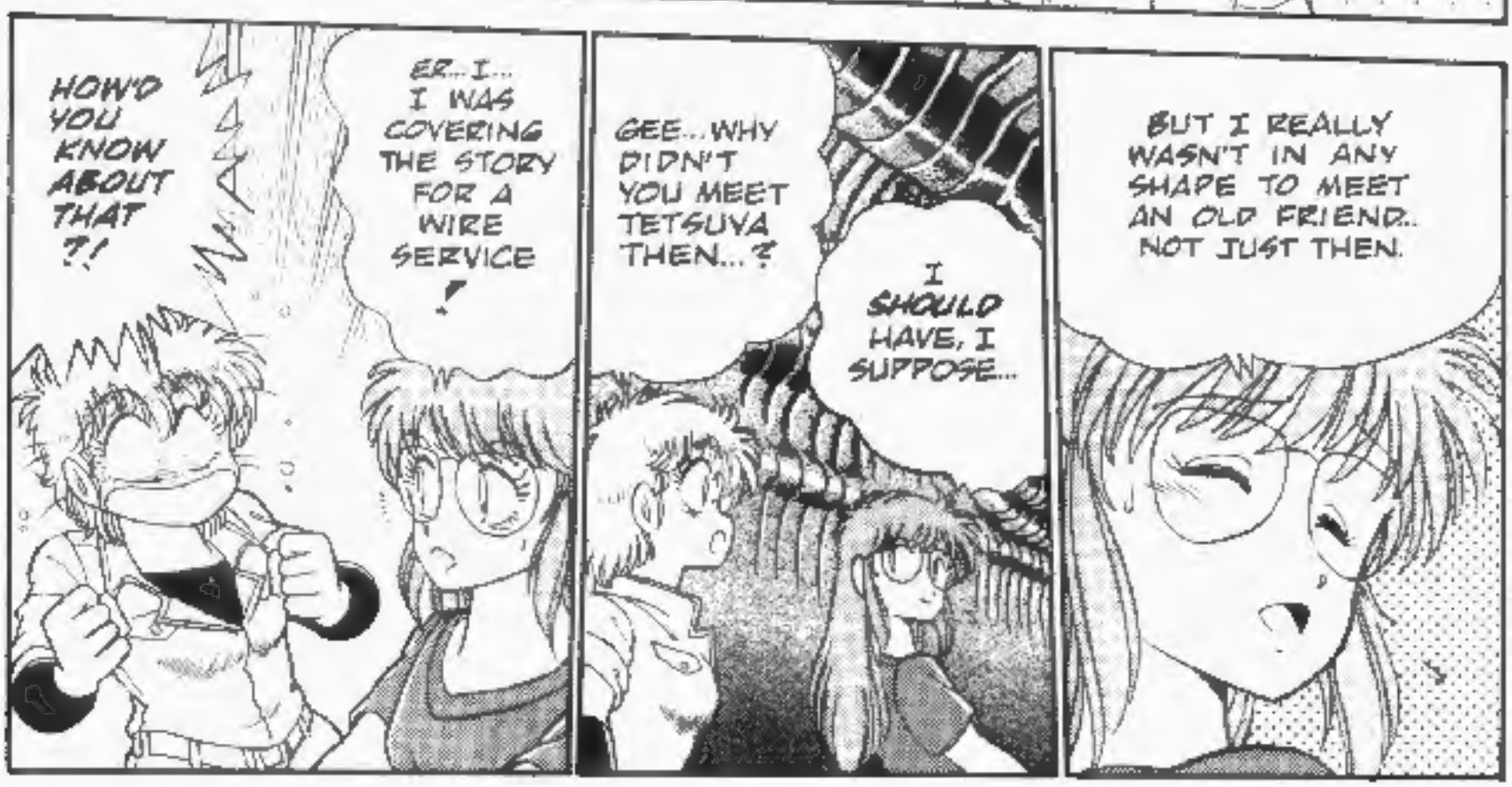
FATAL, YOU MEAN—ONE FALSE STEP AND MY *HEAD* WOULD'VE ROLLED!

OH STOP MOANING ABOUT IT! IT'S STILL ATTACHED, ISN'T IT?! ♡

NOTICED, DID YOU?


MY GOODNESS, RAISA-- SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAD A TERRIBLE TIME!
YEAH, SORT OF, I GUESS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'D BE NOW IF I HADN'T MET TETSUYA.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAD THAT FIGHT WITH KAHM BACK ON THE CARRIER...?
HUH?


HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
ER... I... I WAS COVERING THE STORY FOR A WIRE SERVICE!
GEE... WHY DIDN'T YOU MEET TETSUYA THEN...?
I SHOULD HAVE, I SUPPOSE...
BUT I REALLY WASN'T IN ANY SHAPE TO MEET AN OLD FRIEND.. NOT JUST THEN.

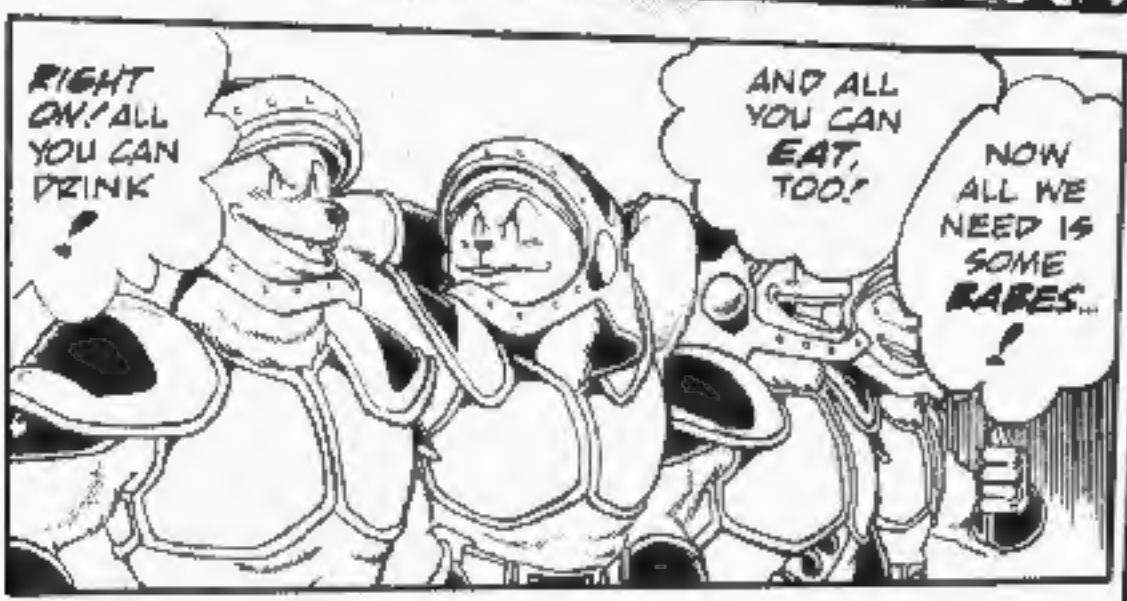
JILEHR...!!

WHAT'S UP? YOU FEELING OKAY ?
N-NO... I JUST THOUGHT...

JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, I BET.
IT'S A CREEPY SHIP, ALL RIGHT... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO POP OUT AT YOU.

I MEAN, THE BATH TUB'S GOT A SEA SERPENT IN IT, SO WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT ?
ACTUALLY, THOUGH, HE'S KINDA SWEET. I PLAY WITH HIM EVERY TIME I TAKE A BATH, EVEN!
REALLY... HOW NICE FOR YOU...

YES, SHE'S RIGHT...
...I'M JUST IMAGINING THINGS...



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